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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014 ON PAGE 151]**

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WELCOME.

7 I ASK YOU ALL TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BEGIN THE MEETING TODAY
8 WITH AN INVOCATION THAT WILL BE LED BY THE REVEREND DR.

9 WILLIAM EPPS, SENIOR PASTOR, SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS
10 ANGELES FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY GIOVANNI
11 PEREZ, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, MONTEREY PARK. REVEREND
12 EPPS?

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14 **DR. WILLIAM EPPS:** LET US PRAY. FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE, WE ARE
15 THANKFUL. FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF OPPORTUNITY, WE ARE GRATEFUL TO
16 SERVE IN SPECIAL WAYS. MAY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO
17 REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE CONSTITUENCY SERVE WITH
18 COMPASSION, CONVICTION AND COMMITMENT AS THEY MAKE CHOICES,
19 REMEMBERING WITH THE POET THAT TRUE WORTH IS IN BEING NOT
20 SEEMING, IN DOING EACH DAY THAT GOES BY SOME LITTLE GOOD, NOT
21 IN DREAMING OF GREAT THINGS TO DO BY AND BY. FOR WHATEVER MEN
22 SAY IN THEIR BLINDNESS, IN SPITE THE FANCIES OF YOUTH, THERE'S
23 NOTHING SO KINGLY AS KINDNESS AND NOTHING AS ROYAL AS TRUTH.
24 AMEN.

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1 **GIOVANNI F. PEREZ:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF
2 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES.
7 WE'RE DELIGHTED TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO HAVE THE REVEREND DR.
8 WILLIAM SACHS EPPS WITH US AS THIS MORNING'S INVOCATOR. DR.
9 EPPS HAS BEEN THE PASTOR, THE SENIOR PASTOR, OF THE SECOND
10 BAPTIST CHURCH HERE IN LOS ANGELES SINCE 1988. AND IT GIVES ME
11 GREAT PLEASURE AT THIS TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT HE
12 WAS JUST FORTUNATE TO CELEBRATE HIS 27TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY
13 AT THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH. I THINK THAT DESERVES A SPECIAL
14 ROUND OF APPLAUSE ALL BY ITSELF. [APPLAUSE.] AS YOU NO DOUBT
15 DETECTED, HE'S AN EXTRAORDINARY ORATOR, PULPITEER, AND SECOND
16 BAPTIST, YOU WILL WISH TO KNOW, WAS BUILT IN THE YEAR 1926.
17 AND IN 2009 IT WAS PLACED ON THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
18 INTERIORS' NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. THIS IS UNDER
19 THE LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR EPPS. PRIOR TO SERVING IN LOS
20 ANGELES, HE WAS A PASTOR OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH IN DETROIT.
21 AND THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WINSTON-SALEM IN NORTH
22 CAROLINA. AND ALSO SERVED AS THE MINISTER OF THE CALVARY
23 BAPTIST CHURCH IN MASSACHUSETTS. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S OF
24 SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE BISHOP COLLEGE IN TEXAS, MASTER OF
25 DIVINITY FROM UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, A MASTER OF

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1 EDUCATION FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND A DOCTORATE OF MINISTRY
2 AT THE ST. MARY'S SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. HE WAS
3 REAPPOINTED THIS YEAR AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFFORDABLE
4 HOUSING COMMISSION, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND SERVES AS A
5 MEMBER ON SEVERAL BOARDS, INCLUDING SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST IN
6 OUR CITY OF LOS ANGELES. DR. EPPS AND FIRST LADY HAVE TWO
7 DAUGHTERS, JACQUELINE EPPS SPIVEY AND ANDREA EPPS ESQUIRE. SO
8 THEN, DR. EPPS, IT IS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
9 THAT WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON 27 YEARS AT THE SECOND BAPTIST
10 CHURCH. I REMEMBER WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVED THERE, I WAS AT THE
11 SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT THAT TIME. AND WE
12 HAVE TOILED IN THE VINEYARD, MR. CHAIRMAN, SINCE THAT VERY
13 TIME. AND SO IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 THAT WE EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO YOU, DR. EPPS, FOR THIS
15 MORNING'S INVOCATION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE REVEREND DR.
16 WILLIAM SACHS EPPS. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT
21 A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO GIOVANNI PEREZ. HE IS A
22 MEMBER OF THE SEMPER FI ASSOCIATION. GIOVANNI BRAVELY SERVED
23 AS A CORPORAL WITH THE THIRD BATTALION OF THE UNITED STATES
24 MARINE CORPS FROM 2002 TO 2012 AND HE FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE OF
25 FALLUJAH IN IRAQ. HIS NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS INCLUDE A PURPLE

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1 HEART, A COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE
2 MEDAL, A GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL, AS WELL. WE WANT TO
3 THANK GIOVANNI AND WE'RE PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR SERVING IN
4 OUR ARMED FORCES AND PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY. CONGRATULATIONS
5 TO YOU, SIR AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S BEGIN
8 THE AGENDA, PLEASE.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,
11 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3,
12 PRESENTATION AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-3, ALTHOUGH THE POSTED
13 AGENDA INDICATES THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
14 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS
15 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 9, 2014.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
20 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 4-
21 D. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS OF THE
22 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 3-D,
23 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
24 ITEM, AND ALSO ON 4-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
25 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. SO ITEM NO. 2-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
3 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER. 3-D WAS
4 HELD, TOO?

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES, IT WAS, BY A MEMBER OF THE
7 PUBLIC. ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
8 AUTHORITY, ITEM NO. 1-H, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
11 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
14 OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEMS 1-P
15 THROUGH 7-P. ON ITEM NO. 1-P, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
16 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 3-P, 4-P, 5-P, 6-
17 P AND 7-P, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS
18 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. SO THE REMAINING ITEM THAT
19 IS BEFORE YOU IS ITEM NO. 2-P.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NUMBER-- EXCUSE ME. ON
25 PAGE NO. 12, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10. ON ITEM

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1 NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
2 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 2, 2014. ON
3 ITEM NO. 3, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM--

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHEN?

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SECOND.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR SOME OF US OLDER PEOPLE HERE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 2.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS THIS ITEM
15 BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 2, 2014. ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR
16 YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
17 BE HELD.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW MY HOLD ON 1-D AND 3.
20 I GOT MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IT'S STILL BEING HELD BY MEMBERS
23 OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NO. 4, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS
24 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM NO. 9,

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1 SUPERVISOR-- EXCUSE ME. SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS
2 ITEM BE HELD, AND THERE'S ALSO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ARE
3 ALSO HOLDING THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 10, THIS INCLUDES THE
4 CORRECTION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND ALSO ON
5 THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
6 HOLD THIS ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 10?

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, AND THE NOTE OF ABSTENTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 17, CONSENT CALENDAR,
18 ITEMS 11 THROUGH 65, ON ITEM NO. 12, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 14,
20 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
21 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
22 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 20, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
23 AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
24 ITEM NO. 22, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. AND

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1 ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE
2 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ITEM WAS THAT?

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 22. ON ITEM NO. 26, THERE'S A
7 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
8 NO--

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 26 IS CORRECT?

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** TWENTY-SIX, YES. ON ITEM NO. 36,
13 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
14 ITEM. ALSO ON ITEM NO. 37, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
15 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 39, THERE'S A
16 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
17 NO. 43, AND 44 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
18 TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. I'M SORRY? EXCUSE ME. I'M SORRY? ON ITEM
19 NO. 43, SUPERVISOR KNABE IS ALSO HOLDING THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
20 NO. 47, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR
21 OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO
22 HER DEPARTMENT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED ON THE REFERRAL.

25

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 52, THIS
2 INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA
3 AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
4 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 53, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY AND THE
6 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 18, 2014.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON THE CONTINUANCE, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND ON ITEM NO--
11 ACTUALLY THAT'S IT. SO THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
12 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT ANY
16 OBJECTIONS, SO BE THE ORDER.

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18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 42, ORDINANCES FOR
19 INTRODUCTION.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE WAS ONE NOTED ABSTENTION, EXCUSE
22 ME, FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES, IT WAS ITEM NO. 22.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT NOTED ABSTENTION, SO TO BE
2 ORDER.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 42, ORDINANCES
5 FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 66 AND 67. AND ON THESE ITEMS, I'LL
6 READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 66, THIS
7 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE
8 5, PERSONNEL, UPDATING PORTIONS OF VARIOUS SECTIONS RELATING
9 TO COUNTY CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS, ELIGIBILITY RULES AND RATES
10 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PURPOSES AND THE DEFINITIONS OF THE
11 APPLICABLE RETIREMENT PLANS AND THE ELECTION OPTIONS OF THE
12 SURVIVOR INCOME BENEFIT. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 67, THIS IS AN
18 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 6,
19 SALARIES, BY ADDING, ESTABLISHING, RESTORING AND CHANGING
20 CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS, NUMBERS OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN
21 VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
25 ORDERED.

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 43, DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM
3 NO. 68 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR
4 OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
5 JANUARY 6, 2015.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THAT THE REPORT BE DUE ON A
10 QUARTERLY BASIS THEREAFTER.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. THAT WAS ITEM NO. 68.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 44, MISCELLANEOUS
15 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POST MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN
16 ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
17 AGENDA. ITEM NO. 69-A IS BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 48, NOTICES OF CLOSED
23 SESSION, ON ITEMS NO. C.S.-3 AND C.S.-4, THERE'S A REQUEST
24 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ALSO ON ITEM
25 NO. C.S.-5, WHICH WAS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,

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1 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
2 ITEM.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING.

7 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH

8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU

11 HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY,

12 PRESENTATIONS, PLEASE. PICTURE OF A HAND.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE

15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO JOIN ME

16 UP HERE FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNUAL PRESENTATION. WE'RE GOING TO

17 BE JOINED BY MIKE HELMSTEAD, PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES

18 CHAPTER OF THE MARINE CORPS COMBAT CORRESPONDENCE ASSOCIATION

19 WHO IS A 16 YEAR VETERAN OF THE MARINE CORPS AND SERVED IN

20 FALLUJAH WITH THE FIRST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. WE'RE ALSO

21 JOINED BY STAFF SERGEANT AYESIA BROWN. STAFF SERGEANT EVAN

22 BARDON, STAFF SERGEANT SALVADOR JUAREZ, STAFF SERGEANT TIM VO,

23 AND SERGEANT KEVIN HAN. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND

24 GENTLEMEN, ON NOVEMBER 10, 1775, THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

25 DECLARED THAT TWO BATTALIONS OF MARINES BE RAISED AND THAT

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1 THEY BE DISTINGUISHED BY THE NAMES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND
2 BATTALIONS OF AMERICAN MARINES. AND FROM THEIR INCEPTION THEY
3 SERVED AS SHARP SHOOTERS FROM SHIPS, RIGGINGS AND CLOSE
4 BATTLES EARNING THE MARINES THE WELL DESIGNATION AS RIFLEMEN.
5 SINCE OUR NATION FIRST BEGAN ASSERTING ITS ROLE AS A WORLD
6 POWER, MARINES HAVE MARCHED IN STEP, GUIDING AND LEADING THE
7 COUNTRY, ASSERTING THAT WE WILL NEVER-- THAT WE WILL BE THE
8 FIRST TO FIGHT AND IN CONFRONTING TROUBLE IN ANY CLIME, IN ANY
9 PLACE. THEY HAVE SERVED WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION FROM THE
10 HALLS OF MONTEZUMA TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI. MORE THAN 60
11 YEARS AGO IN LOS ANGELES, MARINES SHOWED ANOTHER CARING SIDE
12 BY LAUNCHING THE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM, TO ENSURE THAT NEEDY
13 CHILDREN RECEIVE GIFTS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. TODAY
14 MARINES MAY BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN PEACE TIME AND
15 IN WAR, EVER PROUDLY KNOWN AND CHERISHED AS AMERICA'S 911. THE
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
17 DECLARE NOVEMBER 9-15 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WEEK IN THE
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN CELEBRATION OF THE CORPS'S 239TH
19 BIRTHDAY. ALL RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO GIVE THANKS AND RESPECT
20 TO THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FOR ITS SELFLESS AND
21 COURAGEOUS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. I MIGHT ADD ALSO, YOU'RE
22 ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE TOYS FOR THE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM.
23 IT'S BEEN MY PRIVILEGE JUST ABOUT EVERY YEAR I'VE BEEN HERE TO
24 HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARINE CORPS. WE FIRST HONOR YOU FOR

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1 THE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM WHICH WILL BRING SO MUCH HAPPINESS
2 TO KIDS DURING THE COURSE OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, BUT BEYOND
3 THAT AND MUCH MORE IMPORTANT, WE HONOR YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO
4 OUR COUNTRY AND THROUGH YOU TO ALL THE MARINES WHO HAVE SERVED
5 OUR COUNTRY IN PEACE TIME IN AND IN BATTLE, DEFENDING OUR
6 FREEDOMS. SO I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS TO MR. HELMSTEAD. MR.
7 HELMSTEAD, COME ON OVER HERE. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **MIKE HELMSTEAD THANK YOU. INTERNALLY, MARINES HAVE A LITTLE**
10 **SAYING CALLED THE HOLLYWOOD MARINES, AND THAT'S A LITTLE**
11 **RIVALRY BETWEEN THE ENLISTED GUYS ON THE EAST AND WEST COAST**
12 **WHERE YOU WENT TO BOOT CAMP. TO ME HOLLYWOOD MARINE HAS ALWAYS**
13 **BEEN A TERM OF ENDEARMENT, BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS THE TWO OF**
14 **THE THINGS I REALLY LOVE, CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE MARINE**
15 **CORPS. SO IT IS GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO ACCEPT THIS. AND ON**
16 **BEHALF OF THE MARINES THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE, AND THANK YOU**
17 **FOR ALL YOUR-- FOR DOING THIS FOR I THINK 20 YEARS NOW. IT**
18 **DOESN'T GO UNAPPRECIATED. SO, MARINES, CELEBRATE MARINE WEEK.**
19 **AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]**

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21 **>>SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE TWO PRESENTATIONS TO MEMBERS OF MY
22 STAFF, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST LET ME ASK VIVIAN RISKALVO TO COME
23 FORWARD. VIVIAN RISKALVO HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION SINCE
24 MARCH OF 2005 AS MY TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION DEPUTY. AND
25 SHE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL M.T.A. ISSUES, ALL EDUCATION ISSUES

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1 AND POLICY CONCERNING THE COUNTY REAL ESTATE ASSET OF MARINA
2 DEL REY, HAVING PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS DEPUTY FOR CHILDREN AND
3 FAMILY SERVICES, AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FROM 1994 TO 2000.
4 AND EARLIER STILL AS MY PLANNING DEPUTY WHEN I WAS ON THE CITY
5 COUNCIL FROM 1989 TO 1993. SO SHE SPENT A GOOD CHUNK OF HER
6 PROFESSIONAL CAREER WORKING WITH ME. SHE GAINED INVALUABLE
7 PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT PRACTICE DIVISION OF
8 THE LAW FIRM OF ANNET, PHELPS AND PHILLIPS, FROM 2001 TO 2005,
9 BEFORE COMING TO HER SENSES AND REJOINING MY STAFF.
10 [LAUGHTER.] COMPLEMENTING HER PRIOR ACADEMIC TRAINING AS AN
11 URBAN STUDIES GRADUATE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY IN SAN
12 FRANCISCO WITH A MASTERS IN URBAN PLANNING FROM THE UNIVERSITY
13 OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, U.C.L.A. HER 10 YEARS
14 TRANSPORTATION DEPUTY WAS DISTINGUISHED BY NUMEROUS
15 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON KEY TRANSIT PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES FOR OUR
16 OFFICE. AMONG THEM, THE ORANGE LINE EXTENSION TO CHATSWORTH.
17 FULL FUNDING OF THE EXPOSITION LIGHT RAIL LINE. AND COMPLETION
18 OF PHASE ONE FROM DOWNTOWN TO CULVER CITY. THE LAUNCH OF THE
19 WILSHIRE BUS RAPID TRANSIT LINE. COMMENCING WORK ON THE PURPLE
20 LINE WEST SIDE EXTENSION OF THE SUBWAY WHICH WE BREAK GROUND
21 ON LATER THIS WEEK. IMPLEMENTING THE MAJOR TRANSIT FUNDING
22 MEASURE R, RESTORING THE HISTORIC PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAIL,
23 LANKERSHIM DEPOT, INSTITUTING RAIL LINE GATE LATCHING TO
24 MINIMIZE FARE EVASION, COUNTYWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAP
25 CARD FARE SYSTEM WITH ALL THE MUNICIPAL OPERATORS AND

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1 INITIATING METRO'S COUNTY BIKE SHARE PROGRAM. SHE'S BEEN A
2 DEDICATED, CONSCIENTIOUS AND DETAIL-ORIENTED POLICY DEPUTY FOR
3 ONE OF THE MOST POLITICALLY AND PROGRAMMATICALLY COMPLEX
4 ISSUES FACING OUR REGION. ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES FOR
5 OUR OFFICE AND ONE SURPASSING IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY. HER
6 ASTUTE MANAGEMENT OF THESE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS WILL HER TO
7 THE BENEFIT AND GRATITUDE OF FUTURE GENERATIONS OF RESIDENTS
8 AND TRANSIT USERS. SO THAT'S WHAT THE RESOLUTION SAYS. LET ME
9 JUST SAY A COUPLE OF PERSONAL WORDS. VIVIAN'S WORKED WITH ME
10 AS THE RESOLUTION SAID SINCE MY CITY COUNCIL DAYS. AND SHE
11 WASN'T EXACTLY-- THAT WASN'T EXACTLY A WALK IN THE PARK, BEING
12 A LAND-USE DEPUTY IN MY COUNCIL DISTRICT. IT WAS CRISIS ABOUT
13 7 TIMES A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK. SO THIS JOB HAS ACTUALLY BEEN,
14 RELATIVELY SPEAKING, A WALK IN THE PARK. SHE DOESN'T GET
15 SCREAMED AT BY PEOPLE AS OFTEN. SO THAT'S WHY I PUT HER INTO
16 THE 405 CONSTRUCTION MESS JUST TO GIVE HER A LITTLE NOSTALGIA
17 FOR WHAT IT USED TO BE LIKE FROM THE CITY. AND SHE DID AN
18 OUTSTANDING JOB IN WHAT HAS TO BE THE WORST PUBLIC WORKS
19 PROJECT THAT I'VE EVER HAD TO DEAL WITH IN MINE OR ANY OTHER
20 DISTRICT, FRANKLY. DEALING WITH RESIDENTS WHOSE HOMES WERE
21 DAMAGED, WHOSE VEHICLES WERE SIGNIFICANTLY COMPROMISED AND OF
22 COURSE WHOSE QUALITY OF LIFE WAS TOTALLY TRANSFORMED IN A
23 NEGATIVE WAY FOR FOUR OR FIVE YEARS. AND SHE WAS MY FACE OUT
24 THERE, MUCH BETTER FACE THAN I WOULD HAVE BEEN, FOR SURE. AND
25 TO THIS DAY I GET COMPLIMENTS FROM PEOPLE ABOUT THE REASSURING

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1 NATURE OF VIVIAN'S REPRESENTATION, NOT ONLY OF OUR OFFICE BUT
2 ALSO BY EXTENSION OF METRO. SO, SHE'S SMART, SHE'S TOUGH.
3 SHE'S IMPATIENT. SHE'S REALLY THE KIND OF PERSON THAT I TEND
4 TO SURROUND MYSELF WITH. AND I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT HER
5 ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE. IN A FIELD WHERE BUILDING BIG
6 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ARE IN HER PORTFOLIO, GETTING THINGS
7 DONE IS REALLY THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS. AND BY ANY MEASURE,
8 SHE'S BEEN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL. SO, VIVIAN, I WANT TO THANK
9 YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO ME AND TO OUR OFFICE AND TO MY
10 CONSTITUENTS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYALTY TO OUR
11 OFFICE, EXCEPT FOR THOSE FIVE YEARS WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE
12 GOING TO GET RICH AND FOUND OUT THE TRAFFIC TO THE WEST L.A.
13 AREA WAS TOO MUCH TO HANDLE AND WE WERE HAPPY TO GET YOU BACK.
14 AND IT WAS REALLY BLESSING JUST AS WE WERE GETTING READY TO DO
15 ALL THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. I WISH
16 YOU WELL IN YOUR NEXT CHAPTER. I KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE
17 EXCITING FOR YOU AND EXCITING FOR US TO WATCH. AGAIN, THANK
18 YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I'D LIKE TO ASK ELAN SCHULTZ TO
19 COME UP HERE. ELAN SCHULTZ, IN CASE I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR NAME,
20 HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION SINCE AUGUST 9TH, 2010 AS HEALTH
21 SERVICES DEPUTY FOR OUR DISTRICT, RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ISSUES
22 CONCERNING THE COUNTY'S HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES,
23 HAVING PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
24 HANDLING SPECIAL PROJECTS AND ASSISTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
25 PUBLIC HEALTH AS A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT BEGINNING HIS COUNTY

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1 CAREER AS MY ASSISTANT ON HEALTH DEPUTY-- AS MY ASSISTANT AND
2 ASSISTANT TO HEALTH DEPUTY RON HANSON FROM 1999 TO 2001. HE
3 GOT A VERY GOOD TUTELAGE UNDER RON. HIS NONGOVERNMENTAL HEALTH
4 POLICY AND PROGRAM EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING FOR THE NEW
5 YORK-BASED INTERNATIONAL AGENCY IN GENDER HEALTH, PROMOTING
6 FAMILY PLANNING, MATERIAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND IMPROVED
7 ACCESS TO H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICES ACROSS THE GLOBE,
8 COMPLIMENTING HIS ACADEMIC TRAINING AS A GRADUATE OF U.C.
9 BERKELEY IN PSYCHOLOGY AND A MASTER'S IN PUBLIC HEALTH FROM
10 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH. HE HAS
11 BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT OF NUMEROUS
12 HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES INCLUDING THE
13 COUNTY'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STATE TO REDUCE THE MEDICALLY
14 UNINSURED BY EXPANDING MEDI-CAL UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT,
15 IMPROVING HOW THE COUNTY PROVIDES CARE TO ITS NEEDIEST
16 RESIDENTS BY ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM,
17 REFORMING PRIMARY CARE DELIVERY TO THE RESIDUALLY UNINSURED
18 WITH THE CREATION OF MY HEALTH L.A., BUILDING NEW COMMUNITY
19 CLINICS ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES, MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS TO IMPROVE
20 AND EXPAND THE COUNTY'S HOSPITAL AND CLINIC FACILITIES, AND
21 PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
22 INITIATIVES TO PREVENT AND TREAT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND
23 PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. HE HAS MANAGED HIS
24 RESPONSIBILITIES WITH A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND
25 TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, FISCAL ACUMEN, SOPHISTICATED POLITICAL

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1 UNDERSTANDING, FAULTLESS INSTINCTS AND JUDGMENT, UNFAILING
2 PROFESSIONALISM AND COLLEGIAL COOPERATION AND A PROFOUND SENSE
3 OF COMPASSION AND DEDICATION TO THE MISSION OF PROTECTING THE
4 HEALTH OF EVERYONE IN THIS COMMUNITY. SO ELAN, I WANTED TO SAY
5 WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT'S BEEN TO WATCH YOU SINCE YOU WERE BORN.
6 HIS DAD AND I GO BACK A LONG WAY UNTIL WE WERE KIDS. HIS LATE
7 MOTHER WHO WAS ONE OF OUR BEST AND CLOSEST FRIENDS, AND WAS
8 BARBARA'S ROOMMATE DURING MY COLLEGE YEARS. AND WHEN HE CAME
9 OUT OF COLLEGE, AND LOOKING FOR AN INTERNSHIP, I TESTED YOU. I
10 PUT YOU IN THE MOST COMPLICATED, RIDICULOUSLY INEXPLICABLE,
11 UNEXPLAINABLE FIELD OF HEALTHCARE FINANCE, AND YOU DID A HELL
12 OF A JOB. AND WE HIRED YOU. YOU WORKED UNDER RON. AND IT WAS A
13 FULL-TIME JOB. AND THEN YOU CAME BACK FROM PUBLIC HEALTH AFTER
14 A PRETTY GOOD STINT OVER THERE TO TAKE THE TOP JOB. AND YOU
15 HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB FOR ME, FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS, FOR
16 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR BOARD COLLEAGUES, WITH THE DEPARTMENT
17 OF HEALTH SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH. YOU'RE A GREAT RESOURCE
18 FOR THIS COUNTY. AND IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE FOR ME TO SEE HOW
19 YOU HAVE GROWN AND BECOME REALLY ONE OF THE TOP HEALTHCARE
20 MINDS IN YOUR PROFESSION AS AN ADVISER TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS.
21 AND I THINK YOU'VE GOT A GREAT AND LONG CAREER AHEAD OF YOU. I
22 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVICE. I
23 DON'T THANK YOU FOR YOUR LONG MEMOS, SOMETHING YOU NEED TO
24 WORK ON. [LAUGHTER.] BUT REMEMBER WHAT THEY TAUGHT YOU IN
25 ENGLISH: TOPIC SENTENCES. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. [LAUGHTER.] BUT

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1 THE ONE THING YOU KNOW WHEN YOU GET A MEMO FROM ELAN, EVERY
2 ANGLE OF THE ISSUE HAS BEEN VETTED AND ANALYZED FOR YOU. SO
3 IT'S ENCYCLOPEDIC KNOWLEDGE WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT. BUT,
4 SERIOUSLY, YOU KNOW, AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, THERE ARE A LOT OF
5 THINGS I WON'T MISS ABOUT THIS JOB, BUT WORKING WITH YOU WILL
6 BE ONE OF THOSE THINGS. BUT I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A
7 GREAT CAREER AHEAD. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW THAT
8 TURNS OUT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.]
9 THAT'S IT, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, ZEV. I'M GOING TO ASK REGGIE
12 TODD AND HIS WIFE SARAH LEE TO JOIN ME ALONG WITH OUR C.E.O.,
13 BILL FUJIOKA, RYAN ALLSOP, RED CAMPBELL AND CAROL BYERS.
14 NOVEMBER AS I SAID UPSTAIRS, NOVEMBER IS GOING TO BE A VERY
15 UNIQUE MONTH FOR ALL OF US. IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO MANY
16 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, MANY YEARS OF INSTITUTIONAL
17 KNOWLEDGE, ALL THAT HAVE WORKED TO BENEFIT AND MAKE LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY A STABLE AND BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK. AND
19 ONE OF THOSE WE'RE GOING TO START WITH TODAY FIRST AND THAT'S
20 REGGIE TODD. IT'S REALLY BITTERSWEET I THINK FOR ALL OF US TO
21 SAY GOODBYE TO REGGIE. HE HAS BEEN OUR VOICE, OR AS I CALL
22 HIM, OUR QUARTERBACK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR 16 YEARS. THERE
23 IS NO ONE THAT I COULD THINK OF THAT COULD SPEAK WITH MORE
24 AUTHORITY, HAVE ACCESS TO BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE FROM THE
25 WHITE HOUSE DOWN TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO WHATEVER IS

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1 NEEDED TO BE DONE AND COULD SPEAK WITH MORE AUTHORITY AND
2 EXPERTISE WHEN IT COMES TO NAVIGATING THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN
3 WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT IS UNIQUE AND OVERWHELMING AT TIMES. BUT
4 THOSE FOR US IN THE LARGEST COUNTY IN AMERICA, IT BECOMES VERY
5 IMPORTANT, OBVIOUSLY, WITH A \$26 BILLION BUDGET AND THE
6 MANDATES THAT COME WITH THAT FROM OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
7 WE'VE HAD, AS A BOARD, HAD A VERY POWERFUL PRESENCE ON THE
8 HILL, THE WHITE HOUSE, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES,
9 BETTER KNOWN AS N.A.C.O., AND THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE AS I
10 MENTION, AS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN AMERICA, OUR ISSUES ARE LESS
11 ABOUT NATIONAL POLITICS AND MORE ON THE IMPORTANT WORK DEALING
12 WITH THE SAFETY NET AND WHAT WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH RIGHT HERE
13 IN OUR OWN STREETS, HOSPITALS AND NEIGHBORHOODS. AND IN THE
14 SERVICE AS THE ULTIMATE SAFETY NET FOR THOSE IN NEED. OUR WORK
15 IN WASHINGTON SPANS A VERY WIDE RANGE OF AREAS, INCLUDING
16 HEALTHCARE, CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING, WELFARE, PUBLIC SAFETY,
17 TRANSPORTATION, IMMIGRATION REFORM, TO NAME JUST A FEW OF THE
18 BIG ONES THAT YOU READ IN THE PAPERS EACH AND EVERY DAY. AND
19 WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO GET OUR MESSAGE ACROSS BACK THERE IN
20 WASHINGTON. AND THAT'S IN LARGE PART DUE TO REGGIE'S
21 DILIGENCE, HIS IN DEPTH KNOWLEDGE, HIS STEADY HAND. SOMETIMES
22 HE GETS LOST WALKING THE HALLS BUT OTHER THAN THAT HE'S GOT A
23 STEADY HAND. HIS CREDIBILITY AND HIS PASSION FOR PUBLIC
24 SERVICE. HE ALSO JUST HAPPENS TO BE A GREAT GUY AND WE'VE ALL
25 ENJOYED THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH REGGIE AND HIS TEAM BACK THERE,

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1 OUR COUNTY FAMILY AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT THEY HAVE TO WORK
2 WITH AND QUARTERBACK FROM THE VARIOUS LOBBYING COMPANIES THAT
3 WE DO EMPLOY BACK THERE. AND WHILE I AND OTHERS WOULD HAVE
4 LOVED TO HAVE REGGIE STAY MUCH LONGER, I DO KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP
5 AGAINST. HE HAS SHOWN ME PICTURES OF HIS BEAUTIFUL
6 GRANDDAUGHTER AT LEAST 67 TIMES ON THIS TRIP ALONE, AND HE
7 HASN'T BEEN HERE 24 HOURS. SO I KNEW THAT WE DIDN'T STAND A
8 CHANCE. BUT, REGGIE, I THINK WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU
9 HAVE DONE ON BEHALF OF THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT
10 COUNTY. OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD. WE TRULY APPRECIATE
11 YOUR LEADERSHIP AND GETTING THE JOB DONE FOR US IN A VERY,
12 VERY DIFFICULT AREA TO WORK IN AND THAT'S WASHINGTON, D.C. SO
13 WE WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR RETIREMENT. MAY YOUR PICTURES OF
14 YOUR GRANDDAUGHTER BE LIVE AND IN PERSON INSTEAD OF A PHOTO.
15 WE KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT, AS WELL. BUT WE THANK YOU FOR
16 YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY AND I THINK WE ALL THANK YOU MOST
17 IMPORTANTLY FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP. [APPLAUSE.] COULD I ASK MY
18 COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME FOR A PHOTO, PLEASE? GLORIA, PHOTO
19 PLEASE?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANTED TO SAY A FEW KIND WORDS.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WILL. MEMBERS, DO YOU WANT THE SPEAK
24 FIRST OR YOU WANT TO LET REGGIE SPEAK FIRST?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SAY A FEW WORDS.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SAY A FEW WORDS, REG. THESE COULD BE THE
4 LAST NICE WORDS YOU HEAR, BUDDY. GLORIA?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
7 SERVICE TO THE COUNTY, REGGIE. I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK
8 YOU FOR ALL THE ASSISTANCE YOU'VE DONE FOR MY OFFICE AND ALL
9 THE SUPERVISORS. THIS IS MY LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AND I CAN'T
10 TURN ON A MIC, THAT'S PRETTY BAD. [LAUGHTER.] ALTHOUGH PEOPLE
11 CAN HEAR ME USUALLY. WELL LET ME JUST BEGIN AGAIN BY
12 PERSONALLY THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO US. I THINK IT'S
13 BEEN TERRIFIC. BUT I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THE KIND OF
14 LEADERSHIP THAT YOU'VE PROVIDED TO ALL OF US. WHEN WE DO NOT
15 ONLY ON OUR TRIPS BUT WHEN WE HAVE A QUESTION, WHEN WE NEED AN
16 ANSWER, WHEN WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. YOU'VE ALWAYS
17 BEEN THERE. WE APPRECIATE IT. AND YOU ARE, YOU'RE JUST
18 TREMENDOUSLY FUN TO VISIT WITH AND ENJOY THE CAPITAL BUT MORE
19 IMPORTANTLY THE KIND OF CONNECTIONS THAT YOU HAVE ALSO SAY
20 PEOPLE RESPECT AND ADMIRE THE WORK THAT YOU DO. YOU'RE VERY
21 TALENTED. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE TO US AND I
22 PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP FOR ME. THANK YOU, SIR.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE PAST 16
25 YEARS OF GOOD SERVICE, GOOD FRIENDSHIP. AND IT'S ALWAYS

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1 APPRECIATIVE, YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH MY STAFF AND MYSELF WHEN WE
2 HAVE THE VARIOUS ISSUES DEALING WITH WASHINGTON. BUT AS I
3 SAID, YOU'RE MUCH TOO YOUNG TO RETIRE. BUT ENJOY THE
4 GRANDCHILDREN BECAUSE THE BEST GIFT YOU CAN GIVE THEM IS TIME.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO THANK REGGIE FOR HIS SERVICE
9 TO THE COUNTY, FOR HIS INCREDIBLE ABILITY TO CONDENSE THE
10 COMPLEX POLITICAL VICISSITUDES OF WASHINGTON INTO A SHORT CAB
11 RIDE FROM THE AIRPORT INTO TOWN JUST TO LET US KNOW EXACTLY
12 WHAT THE LATEST IS. I THINK MOST PEOPLE, EVEN IN THE COUNTY
13 FAMILY, DON'T APPRECIATE HOW MUCH WE RELY ON YOU AND YOUR
14 OFFICE, OUR OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, AND TO HAVE QUALITY
15 INFORMATION TO BASE SOME JUDGMENTS ON IS CRITICAL. IF YOU
16 DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION, THE ACCURATE INFORMATION, THEN
17 YOU'RE DOING YOURSELF MORE HARM THAN GOOD. AND YOU HAVE ALWAYS
18 MADE SURE THAT WE WERE KEPT OUT OF HARM'S WAY. AND YOU'RE ALSO
19 PRAGMATIC. AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S POSSIBLE AND WHAT ISN'T
20 POSSIBLE. AND I THINK YOU GAVE US SOME VERY GOOD ADVICE ALONG
21 THE WAY. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP. YOU'VE BEEN--
22 I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE MY CITY DAYS WHEN YOU WERE ON THE OTHER
23 SIDE AT N.A.C.O. AND I WAS SO DELIGHTED WHEN YOU WERE HIRED TO
24 RUN OUR OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. AND YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB, AND

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1 YOU WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY THE BOARD AND BY THE COUNTY
2 FAMILY. THANKS, REGGIE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARK?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. REGGIE,
7 LET ME JUST SIMPLY ADD MY VOICE TO THOSE WHO AFFIRM YOUR
8 IMAGINATION, YOUR CREATIVITY, YOUR DILIGENCE, YOUR SENSE OF
9 BEING OF SERVICE. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE SHOULD BE
10 REMINDED THAT IT IS NOT ONLY 16 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES, BUT THE BACKDROP IS NEARLY 40 YEARS IN PUBLIC SERVICE
12 AND THAT ALL BY ITSELF IS NOTEWORTHY. FOR ME PERSONALLY, YOU
13 HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOUR BEING A
14 ROLE MODEL FOR MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO SEE HOW YOU CONDUCT
15 YOURSELF, THE PROFESSIONALISM WITH WHICH YOU REPORT. IT MEANS
16 A LOT, SPOKEN AND UNSPOKEN. THE CHARACTER OF A MAN IS IN MANY
17 RESPECTS NOT ONLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, INDICATED BY HIS REGARD FOR
18 HIS GRANDCHILDREN OR GRANDCHILD BUT IN FACT HOW HE SEES
19 HIMSELF AS A FATHER. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY OCCASIONS ON
20 WHICH WE SHARED THE HIGHS OF FATHERHOOD. AND YOU CONTINUED TO
21 HAVE THEM. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TOTAL REGGIE TODD. THE
22 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE, THE LEADER, THE FATHER, THE HUSBAND, THE
23 MAN WHO WE RESPECT DEEPLY. ALL THE BEST AND GOD BLESS YOU,
24 REGGIE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YOU SHARED THE HIGHS OF
2 FATHERHOOD, RIGHT? THAT'S THE GREAT THING ABOUT GRANDCHILDREN
3 IS GOD'S REWARD FOR SURVIVING YOUR OWN KIDS. [LAUGHTER.]
4 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR. REGGIE TODD. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **REGGIE TODD:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN KNABE, AND THANKS TO ALL THE
7 SUPERVISORS. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HUMBLLED AND GRATIFIED I AM
8 BY THE KIND WORDS YOU HAVE EXPRESSED REGARDING MY TENURE IN
9 WASHINGTON. REALLY, THE HONOR HAS BEEN INDEED MINE. IT'S BEEN
10 A PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT THIS BOARD, WHICH REPRESENTS OUR
11 COUNTY SO WELL. EACH AND EVERY DAY YOU MAKE SACRIFICES, BUT
12 YOU MAKE THOSE SACRIFICES ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO ARE LEAST
13 VISIBLE AND LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR SOCIETY. AND THERE'S NOTHING
14 MORE COMPELLING THAN BEING A PART OF THAT TEAM THAT IS SENDING
15 THOSE MESSAGES OUT AND DOING THOSE DEEDS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
16 IN THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I WOULD BE
17 VERY REMISS IF I DIDN'T THANK MY TEAM BACK IN WASHINGTON, TWO
18 OF WHOM ARE HERE TODAY, CAROL BYERS, MY WONDERFUL OFFICE
19 MANAGER, MORE THAN OFFICE MANAGER, SHE MAKES EVERYTHING WORK
20 FROM DAY-TO-DAY. SHE'S JUST EXCEPTIONAL. WORDS DON'T REALLY
21 ADEQUATELY EXPRESS HOW MEANINGFUL SHE HAS BEEN TO ME OVER ALL
22 THESE YEARS. AND CERTAINLY GREG CAMPBELL, GREG, MY DEPUTY,
23 GREG, INSIGHTFUL ANALYSIS, FOLLOW THROUGH, TENACIOUSNESS,
24 RESOURCEFULNESS TO ENABLE OUR OFFICE TO GET THINGS DONE. SO
25 I'M REALLY SO FORTUNATE IN THAT REGARD. AND OUR TEAM OF

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1 ADVOCATES BACK IN WASHINGTON WHO FOUGHT TENACIOUSLY, AS WELL,
2 ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COUNTY. PARAMOUNT, AS ALWAYS,
3 MEDICAID AND TAKING CARE OF THOSE FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT
4 ARE LESS FORTUNATE. SO, I FEEL VERY BLESSED AND FORTUNATE TO
5 HAVE AGAIN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COUNTY OVER THESE
6 16-1/2 YEARS AND PARAMOUNT ABOVE ALL ARE THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT
7 I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH AND TREASURE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GET EVERYONE UP HERE. BILL, RYAN, GET A
11 TEAM PHOTO WITH REGGIE. GREG? CAROL? EVERYONE. LADIES AND
12 GENTLEMEN, REGGIE TODD, WE'RE GOING TO MISS HIM. [APPLAUSE.]
13 ALL RIGHT. NOW AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL UP OUR DIRECTOR
14 OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, SHERYL SPILLER, ALONG WITH OUR
15 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, LISA GARRETT, OUR DIRECTOR OF VETERANS
16 AFFAIRS, GENERAL RUTH WONG AND JOINING THEM ARE BEN EFFINGER,
17 WHO IS A MANAGER FELLOW WITH T.T.C. AND ALSO AN AIR FORCE
18 VETERAN AND ARIAN BASOKO, WHO IS A VETERAN INTERN WITH
19 D.P.S.S. AND ALSO A NAVY VETERAN. GO NAVY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO
20 ASK MY FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EVERYONE IN
21 THE AUDIENCE TO JOIN US AS WE HONOR AND SALUTE THE MEN AND
22 WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED IN UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN
23 RECOGNITION OF VETERANS DAY. VETERANS DAY, AS YOU KNOW, IS A
24 FEDERAL HOLIDAY THAT IS OBSERVED ANNUALLY ON NOVEMBER 11TH AND
25 MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I. VETERANS DAY

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1 ALSO CELEBRATES THE SERVICE OF ALL OF OUR U.S. MILITARY
2 VETERANS. ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING RETURNING
3 VETERANS IS FINDING AN APPROPRIATE JOB. TODAY WE RECOGNIZE THE
4 SUPPORT OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE EMBRACED THE CONCEPT OF
5 MAKING LOS ANGELES COUNTY THE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE FOR VETERANS.
6 THIS IS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE FINDING A JOB CAN BE
7 THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF TRANSITIONING BACK TO CIVILIAN
8 LIFE. OVER THE PAST YEAR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS HIRED OVER
9 200 VETERAN INTERNS ACROSS 13 DEPARTMENTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT
10 WE HAVE SOME OF OUR VETERAN INTERNS IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY.
11 WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THEM PLEASE STAND UP AND RECOGNIZE YOU AND
12 GIVE YOU A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU AND WELCOME YOU TO THE
15 COUNTY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO
16 AMERICA. THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
17 HIRING EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WHO
18 BOLDLY MADE A COMMITMENT. CAN WE KEEP IT DOWN OVER THERE?
19 PAUL, CAN WE? THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES WHO BOLDLY
20 MADE A COMMITMENT TO HIRE 100 VETERANS AS PART OF THE COUNTY'S
21 VETERAN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE
22 SUCCESSFULLY MET THEIR GOAL BY HIRING 102 VETERAN INTERNS.
23 [APPLAUSE.] SO, SHERYL, IT'S MY HONOR ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD
24 TO PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF THAT BOLD
25 COMMITMENT AND HONORING THAT COMMITMENT.

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2 **SHERYL SPILLER:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIR AND THE
4 ENTIRE BOARD FOR THE RECOGNITION AND ALSO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN ESTABLISHING THE
6 PROGRAM. AND IN PARTICULAR, CARLA WILLIAMS FOR HER SUPPORT TO
7 MY DEPARTMENT. I MUST ALSO THANK MY HUMAN RESOURCES STAFF
8 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF KATHY O'BRIEN AND ELIZABETH GARCIA.
9 THE STAFF REALLY TOOK THIS PROGRAM TO HEART. NOT ONLY HAVE
10 THEY DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB OF RECRUITING AND HIRING, ONCE THE
11 VETS ARE ON BOARD, THEY HAVE QUARTERLY MEETINGS TO ENSURE THAT
12 THEY STAY ON TRACK FOR A CAREER WITH THE COUNTY. TO DATE, THE
13 DEPARTMENT HAS ACTUALLY HIRED 120 VETERANS, FROM ALL THE
14 BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY. THIS PROGRAM HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A
15 WIN/WIN FOR BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE VETERANS. WE'VE GAINED
16 SOME HIGHLY SKILLED, MOTIVATED STAFF. AND THEY'VE GAINED THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR ONE OF THE BEST EMPLOYERS IN THE
18 NATION, L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.] D.P.S.S. IS PROUD TO
19 PARTICIPATE IN THE VETERANS' INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND WE LOOK
20 FORWARD TO EXPANDING OUR VETERAN WORKFORCE. THANK YOU.
21 [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR DIRECTOR OF
24 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, GENERAL RUTH WONG TO SAY A FEW

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1 WORDS ABOUT WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING TO ASSIST RETURNING
2 VETERANS IN FINDING WORK. GENERAL WONG?

3

4 **GEN. RUTH WONG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. TO THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS, ALL THE U.S. ARMED FORCES VETERANS OUT THERE AND
6 THOSE WATCHING OVER THEIR TELEVISIONS AND SPECIAL GUESTS, ON
7 BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, WE
8 ARE PROUD TO HONOR OUR MILITARY WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING AND
9 OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES. FROM
10 WORLD WAR II TO THOSE SOLDIERS, MARINES, SAILORS, AIRMEN AND
11 COASTGUARDSMEN RETURNING FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN,
12 TRANSITIONING FROM COMBAT TO COMMUNITY IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT
13 FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN, WHO RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITIES IN LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY. NEXT WEEK WE OFFICIALLY UNVEIL OUR VETERANS'
15 ONE STOP SERVICE CENTER WHICH FOCUSES ON PROVIDING THE FULL
16 SPECTRUM OF SERVICES TO OUR HONORED HEROES AND HELPING THEM
17 TRANSITION BACK INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES. 10 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
18 AND 15 VETERANS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ARE PARTNERING
19 WITH US TO ASSIST WITH VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION BENEFIT
20 CLAIMS, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, HOUSING, LEGAL SERVICES,
21 EMPLOYMENT, JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT, HEALTH AND FITNESS,
22 EDUCATION, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS ACCESS TO ALL OF
23 THE L.A. COUNTY SERVICES. FOR THOSE VETERANS WHO ARE NOT SURE
24 OF WHAT THEY NEED, WE HAVE STAFF TO ASSESS THEIR NEEDS AND
25 DIRECT THEM TO THE RIGHT AGENCY. WE PROVIDE ALL SERVICES UNDER

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1 ONE ROOF AT PATRIOTIC HALL. THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
2 FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY AND VETERAN
3 COMMUNITY. AND TO OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, HAPPY
4 VETERANS DAY AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.
5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NOW I'M GOING TO ASK OUR
8 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, LISA GARRETT, TO JOIN US. AND SHE HAS A
9 SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO MAKE TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

11

12 **LISA GARRETT:** GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU. IT IS A PLEASURE TO
13 GIVE A HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR
14 SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND SPECIFICALLY TO
15 SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR
16 MENTIONED THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN HIRED IN
17 THE VETERANS' INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, AND SINCE ITS INCEPTION
18 DURING YOUR TENURE HERE, WE HAVE HIRED 325 VETERAN INTERNS IN
19 21 DEPARTMENTS. I THINK THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
20 [APPLAUSE.] AND OF THOSE, 152 HAVE GONE ON TO PERMANENT COUNTY
21 EMPLOYMENT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I'M
22 SORRY, WE WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK IN THE
23 VETERANS' COMMUNITY AND WHAT YOU'VE DONE HERE IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY. AND WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT JOBS, BUT ALSO
25 HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES THAT I

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1 PERSONALLY WORKED ON FOR YOUR OFFICES. TO JOIN ME IN THANKING
2 YOU, WE HAVE TWO OF OUR VETERAN INTERNS, AND ONE IS BEN
3 EFFINGER AND ARIANA BASOKO. CAN YOU COME UP? BEN IS A
4 MANAGEMENT FELLOW AND, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU MIGHT KNOW
5 THIS INITIATIVE STARTED, THE MANAGEMENT FELLOW INITIATIVE
6 STARTED IN YOUR OFFICE, BUT BEN IS A MANAGEMENT FELLOW WITH
7 THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR. HE SERVED OUR COUNTRY FOR
8 EIGHT YEARS AS A MILITARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES
9 AIR FORCE. WHILE STATIONED AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, BEN WAS
10 ASSIGNED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY DETAIL FOR AIR FORCE
11 ONE. HE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING AT LEAST TWO OF OUR
12 PRESIDENTS. IN 2005, DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, BEN WAS
13 DEPLOYED TO IRAQ. NEXT WE HAVE ARIANA. ARIANA IS A VETERAN
14 INTERN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. SHE
15 SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY FOR FIVE YEARS AS AN AVIATION BOAT-
16 SWAIN MATE HANDLER-- THAT IS A MOUTHFUL TO SAY-- ON DWIGHT D.
17 EISENHOWER DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HER
18 RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDED AIRCRAFT HANDLING, FIRE FIGHTING AND
19 SALVAGE AND RESCUE OPERATIONS. SO BEN AND ARIANA ARE GOING TO
20 JOIN RUTH WONG TO PRESENT EACH OF YOU WITH TWO LAPEL PINS, ONE
21 REPRESENTING THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE
22 SECOND IS A SYMBOL OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM CAMPAIGN. AND
23 THEN RUTH HAS TWO OTHER GIFTS FOR YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **GEN. RUTH WONG:** THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS
2 FLOWN OVER THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL ON OCTOBER 23, 2014. AT
3 THE REQUEST OF HONORABLE DIANE FEINSTEIN, UNITED STATES
4 SENATOR, THIS FLAG WAS FLOWN TO REPRESENT AND HONOR THE WORK
5 THAT YOU TWO SUPERVISORS HAVE DONE HERE. IN HONOR OF YOUR
6 RETIREMENT FOR COUNTY SERVICES, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU
7 FOR YOUR SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ONCE AGAIN WE RECOGNIZE
12 HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH IN L.A. COUNTY. WITH US TODAY IS
13 SHARON, SHARI AND HER SON JOSH, HER HUSBAND SATY, AND DAUGHTER
14 BECKY. THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION THAT
15 CAUSES THE ABNORMAL BUILDUP OF CEREBRAL SPINAL FLUIDS IN THE
16 BRAIN. WHILE THERE'S NO CURE, IT'S ESTIMATED THAT 1 MILLION
17 AMERICANS' TREATMENT FOR THIS EXCEEDS \$1 BILLION A YEAR. WITH
18 APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PEOPLE WITH
19 HYDROCEPHALUS ARE ABLE TO LIVE FULL AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES, AND
20 THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. SO SHARON'S SON AND SATY'S SON JOSH WAS
21 DIAGNOSED AT EIGHT MONTHS OF AGE. AND SO SHE AND HER FAMILY
22 AND HIS SISTER HAVE SHOWN GREAT COURAGE TO RAISE AWARENESS TO
23 THIS. AND WE HOPE IN THE FUTURE THROUGH ADDITIONAL RESEARCH
24 THAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE ABILITY TO RESOLVE THIS SERIOUS
25 ILLNESS. SO LET ME GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION ONCE AGAIN. AND IT

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1 DOESN'T SEEM-- LIKE I SAID LAST TIME-- IT WAS A YEAR SINCE YOU
2 WERE HERE. YOU'VE GOTTEN MUCH TALLER AND GROWING AND YOUR
3 SISTER IS MORE BEAUTIFUL. SO WE JUST THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.
4 WE'LL GIVE YOU THIS AND TAKE A PICTURE. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SHARON RAGHAVACHARY:** THANK YOU, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
7 THIS IS OUR NINTH VISIT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO GET
8 THIS PROCLAMATION FOR HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS. AND I WISH I
9 COULD SAY THAT IN THE NINE YEARS, THAT THERE'S BEEN GREAT
10 BREAKTHROUGHS IN TREATMENT AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S NOT THE
11 CASE. WE STILL SAY IN THE HYDROCEPHALUS COMMUNITY THAT SIX IS
12 TYPICAL. AND 100 IS NOT UNHEARD OF. THAT MEANS BRAIN
13 SURGERIES. SOME OF THESE CHILDREN HAVE UP TO 100 BRAIN
14 SURGERIES BEFORE THEY REACH ADULthood. JOSH IS FORTUNATE. I
15 MEAN, WE SAY HE'S FORTUNATE, HE'S ONLY HAD TWO. SO TO US THAT
16 SOUNDS LIKE NOT OF. BUT TO YOU PROBABLY SOUNDS LIKE TWO BRAIN
17 SURGERIES BEFORE HE'S TEN. SO WE'RE HOPING WITH AWARENESS, THE
18 AWARENESS COMES MONEY. AND IT ALWAYS COMES DOWN TO RESEARCH
19 DOLLARS. THE TREATMENT FOR HYDROCEPHALUS HAS BEEN IN PLACE
20 SINCE THE MID '50S AND IT HASN'T CHANGED A BIT. THE SHUNTS
21 THAT HE HAS, HE HAS A SHUNT IN HIS HEAD THAT DRAINS THE FLUID
22 OFF. AND IT'S PERMANENT. HYDROCEPHALUS SHUNTS ARE FOREVER. AND
23 THEY FAIL 90 PERCENT OF THE TIME WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS.
24 HIS HAS BEEN IN SINCE HE WAS TWO. SO WE KNOW THAT ANOTHER
25 SURGERY COULD BE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE

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1 DOLLARS JUST AREN'T THERE. SO WITH AWARENESS, WE HOPE THAT AS
2 MORE PEOPLE LEARN OF THE CONDITION, IT'S 1 IN 500 KIDS. IT'S
3 MORE COMMON THAN JUVENILE DIABETES. SO WITH MORE AWARENESS, WE
4 JUST HOPE THE RAISE THE DOLLARS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE'RE RECOGNIZING THE LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PULSEPOINT, AND RICHARD PRICE WHO IS
9 A RETIRED FIRE CAPTAIN WITH THE SAN RAMON VALLEY FIRE
10 PROTECTION DISTRICT WHO HAS USED HIS TECHNICAL BACKGROUND TO
11 CREATE PULSEPOINT. THE FIRST MOBILE APP THAT ALLOWS USERS
12 TRAINED IN C.P.R. TO RECEIVE ALERTS ON THEIR MOBILE DEVICE
13 WHENEVER SOMEONE IN THEIR AREA HAS SUFFERED CARDIAC ARREST.
14 SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST IS A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN OUR
15 UNITED STATES FOR AN ESTIMATED 325,000 DEATHS A YEAR. NEARLY
16 1,000 PEOPLE A DAY OR 1 PERSON EVERY TWO MINUTES. DELIVERY OF
17 C.P.R. IS LIFESAVING FIRST AID AND CAN SUSTAIN LIFE UNTIL
18 PARAMEDICS ARRIVE BY HELPING TO MAINTAIN THE VITAL BLOOD AND
19 HEART AND BRAIN THAT FLOW TO THE HEART AND BRAIN. WITHOUT
20 OXYGEN, PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE OR DEATH WILL OCCUR WITHIN LESS
21 THAN EIGHT MINUTES. AFTER 10 MINUTES, THERE'S LITTLE CHANCE OF
22 A SUCCESSFUL RESUSCITATION. PULSEPOINT PLAYS A VERY VITAL ROLE
23 IN REDUCING THAT NUMBER OF DEATHS BY REDUCING THE TIME BETWEEN
24 THE FIRST CONTACT AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS. SO
25 TODAY WE HAVE THE WIRELESS FOUNDATION, CAPTAIN THOMAS

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1 RICHARDS, AND RETIRED CAPTAIN ANTHONY PIN, CARDIAC ARREST
2 VICTIM. LET ME GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION TO RICHARD PRICE. AND
3 CAPTAIN THOMAS RICHARDS. AND OUR GREAT CHIEF OSBY. WHICH ORDER
4 DO YOU WANT THE SPEAK IN?

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6 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** GOOD MORNING. DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF, LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. HONORABLE CHAIR, HONORABLE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR RECOGNIZING OUR EFFORTS AS IT
11 RELATES TO PULSEPOINT AND CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT
12 AND SERVE THE LIVES OF THE POPULATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY. IN PARTICULAR, WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE
14 RICHARD PRICE, THE FOUNDER OF PULSEPOINT, FOR HIS VISION IN
15 RELATION TO THIS DEPARTMENT AND THE WIRELESS FOUNDATION WHO'S
16 WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT STAFF FOR OVER A YEAR TO IMPLEMENT
17 THIS PROCESS. IN CONCLUSION I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
18 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS BECAUSE WHEN THIS WAS UNVEILED
19 TO THE PUBLIC, THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS DONE IN THE SECOND
20 DISTRICT. AND NOT ONLY DID HE PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND
21 DISTRICT, BUT HE WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO GET TRAINED IN
22 C.P.R., THE FIRST PERSON FOR PULSEPOINT ON HIS PHONE TO TRAIN
23 HIS STAFF AND ALSO RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT WE TRAIN
24 OVER 100,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO CONTINUE THIS PROCESS. SO
25 ONCE AGAIN ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE REALLY WOULD

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1 LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS RECOGNITION. AND THE FIRE
2 DEPARTMENT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO ENSURE THE
3 BEST POSSIBLE SERVICES OF THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO BEFORE BEN AND OTHERS SPEAK,
6 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MR.
9 ANTONOVICH. I THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WISHES TO BENEFIT
10 FROM THIS PROGRAM. AND WE WILL DO A LIVE DEMONSTRATION
11 SHORTLY. THE CONVENTIONAL WAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT TO
12 SAY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH
13 PULSEPOINT THAT THIS IS THE REAL DEAL. WHAT MAKES IT
14 PARTICULARLY SPECIAL, IT MAKES IT EASY FOR MANY, MANY PEOPLE
15 TO PARTICIPATE. SO THE GOOD NEWS IS THIS: THE BOARD HAS MADE A
16 DETERMINATION, AS THE CHIEF JUST INDICATED, THAT IN JANUARY,
17 WE'LL HAVE A FULL REPORT BACK ON THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS
18 WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ALL-COUNTY, THAT IS THE
19 COUNTY-WIDE TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES WHO WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN
20 HANDS-ONLY C.P.R. HANDS-ONLY C.P.R., AND THAT'S ESSENTIALLY
21 WHAT PULSEPOINT AFFORDS US. AND SO THIS IS GREAT, THE NETWORK
22 WILL EXPAND. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I COULD
23 TELL YOU: LIVES WILL BE SAVED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I
2 WOULD ONLY ADD I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE
3 BRIEF WAY TO SAVE LIVES. I GOT QUALIFIED OUT AT THE L.A.
4 COUNTY FAIR. THEY HAD A BOOTH OUT THERE. AND THEY WERE DOING
5 THE PULSEPOINT OUT THERE. SO WE CAN BOTH WORK ON ZEV.

6

7 **RICHARD PRICE:** SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND ALSO TO
8 THE ENTIRE BOARD. REALLY APPRECIATE THE HONOR AND THE
9 PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE TODAY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE LARGEST
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF PULSEPOINT ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. AND THAT'S
11 GOING TO TRANSLATE TO THE BIGGEST IMPACT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
12 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE SO IMPRESSED WITH YOUR STAFF. IT
13 TOOK US ALMOST A YEAR TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS HERE. SO LOTS OF
14 WORK WITH YOUR I.T. STAFF AND YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND
15 THE FIRE CHIEF HERE. SO APPRECIATION TO EVERYBODY INVOLVED.
16 AND JUST A FANTASTIC JOINT EFFORT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **RICHARD PRICE:** SUPERVISORS, WHAT A PLEASURE TO BE HERE. I HAD
19 THE PLEASURE OF SERVING 38 YEARS AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY
20 AND TO BE PART OF PULSEPOINT IS SUCH A MAJOR DEAL. CAN YOU
21 IMAGINE THAT A LOVED ONE HAS A HEART ATTACK AND SOMEONE COMES
22 TO THE RESCUE OF THAT LOVED ONE WITHIN A MINUTE TO TWO MINUTES
23 TO HELP SUSTAIN THEIR LIFE? THAT'S WHAT THIS PROGRAM WILL DO
24 FOR THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY IS: WE WILL SAVE LIVES. AND AS

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1 A RETIREE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IT'S A PLEASURE TO STILL BE
2 OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT.
5 DOWNLOAD THE APP.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE LITTLE MAX. MAX IS A LITTLE BOY WHO'S
8 EIGHT WEEKS OLD AND HE'S A SHETLAND SHEEP WELSH CORGI CAR.
9 HE'S COMING THROUGH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE'S NOT A DALMATIAN.
10 HE WAS IN MY OFFICE A LITTLE EARLIER THIS MORNING. AND I TOLD
11 HIM HE WAS GOING TO FIND A LITTLE HOME WITH A LOT OF LOVE. AND
12 SO THIS LITTLE MAX. AND HE'S A VERY SWEET LITTLE PUPPY. EIGHT
13 WEEKS OLD. SO ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM, YOU COULD
14 CALL THE HOTLINE 562-728-4610. OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE. AND
15 MAX HAS A LOT OF FRIENDS THAT ALSO ARE WAITING FOR A HOME TO
16 GET LOVE AND IN TURN THEY'LL RECIPROCATATE AND GIVE YOU TWICE AS
17 MUCH LOVE. LOOK AT THIS, MARK. LOOK AT THIS LITTLE CRITTER.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. FIND A HOME. SUPERVISOR
20 MOLINA, YOU HAVE A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO MAKE A VERY SPECIAL
23 PRESENTATION TO MR. ALBERT MORALES. HE'S A VERY, VERY
24 DISTINGUISHED UNITED STATES VETERAN, A MEMBER OF THE MARINE
25 CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT NO. 1347. JOINING HIM THIS MORNING IS

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1 HIS DAUGHTER ROSE REYES AND HER FIANCE VIN SALATORE, AS WELL
2 AS MR. MORALES'S NIECE, NATASHA SINES. I BUMPED INTO THIS
3 FAMILY RECENTLY. OUR QUILTING GROUP HAS BEEN PUTTING TOGETHER
4 QUILTS FOR OUR VETERANS, PARTICULARLY OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS.
5 AND WE'VE MADE OVER 60 QUILTS, AND WE WERE PUTTING TOGETHER
6 AND CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE AS TO HOW WE WOULD DISTRIBUTE THEM.
7 AND WE CAME ACROSS THIS GENTLEMAN, AND I THOUGHT I HAVE TO
8 HONOR HIM. ALBERT WAS BORN IN 1919 IN IDAHO AND WE
9 CONGRATULATE HIM. HE'S GOING TO BE CELEBRATING HIS 95TH
10 BIRTHDAY NEXT MONTH. IS THAT RIGHT? CONGRATULATIONS, SIR.
11 [APPLAUSE.] PRETTY AMAZING. HE AND HIS FAMILY RELOCATED TO
12 EAST LOS ANGELES. AND IN 1940 ALBERT BRAVELY ENLISTED IN THE
13 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AT THE AGE OF 22. HE ACHIEVED THE
14 RANK OF CORPORAL AND COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT IN WORLD WAR II
15 BATTLES AT GUADALCANAL AND TARAHA IN THE PACIFIC. AFTER THE
16 WAR, MR. MORALES RETURNED TO EAST L.A. WHERE HE AND HIS WIFE
17 RAISED FOUR CHILDREN. FRANCISCO, ROSALVA, GILBERT AND MONICA.
18 IN 1957, HIS FAMILY MOVED TO PICO RIVERA. FOR MANY DECADES,
19 ALBERT WORKED PROUDLY AS AN ASPHALT HAND GRADER FOR THE LOS
20 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AFTER HE RETIRED, HE REMAINED
21 IN PICO RIVERA SURROUNDED BY HIS LOVING FAMILY WHICH INCLUDES
22 NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND TODAY
23 WE'RE REALLY HONORED TO PAY TRIBUTE THOUGH THIS WONDERFUL
24 VETERAN, AN AMAZING AMERICAN PATRIOT. WHAT'S AMAZING, AS WELL,
25 IS THAT MR. MORALES AND ALL OF HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

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1 REGRETTABLY LIKE SO MANY LATINOS FOR WHATEVER REASON HAS NOT
2 BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE HIS MEDALS FOR HIS SERVICE. IT HAS BEEN
3 INVOLVED IN THE BUREAUCRACY OF EVERYWHERE, THE PENTAGON, YOU
4 NAME IT. THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF
5 HIS MEDALS NEXT WEEK, CORRECT? THIS FRIDAY. AND REGRETTABLY
6 THEY STILL CANNOT FIND HIS MEDALS. SO HE HAS TO WAIT ANOTHER
7 ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS BEFORE HE WILL GET HIS MEDAL AFTER HIS
8 TERRIFIC AND UNBELIEVABLE SERVICE. BUT MR. MORALES, EVEN
9 THOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE THE MEDALS ON YOU, I THINK THAT
10 EVERYBODY RECOGNIZES AND UNDERSTANDS THE UNBELIEVABLE
11 PATRIOTISM, THE KIND OF CIVIC PRIDE THAT YOU HAVE HAD, THE
12 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. AND WE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
13 REALLY WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR YOUR BRAVERY, YOUR
14 PATRIOTISM AND CERTAINLY YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. SO ON
15 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHILE IT ISN'T A MEDAL, WE
16 HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION SIGNED BY ALL FIVE OF US ON
17 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ON OUR
18 COUNTRY. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **ALBERT MORALES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOU AND THE REST OF THE
21 SUPERVISORS, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. ALL RIGHT, WE WILL
2 BEGIN WITH THOSE THAT ARE HOLDING MULTIPLE ITEMS. ARNOLD
3 SACHS, 3-D, 3-P, 5-P, 6-P, 7-P, 9, 19, 22, 30, 36, 37, 44, 67
4 AND C.S.-5, 1-D AND 3. AMEER FLIPPIN, 26, 36, 1-D AND 3. ERIC
5 PREVEN 1-D AND 3. 4-D, 7-P, 9, 10, 12, 14, 20, 36, 39, 43, 52,
6 C.S.-3, 4 AND 5.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND MR. CHAIRMAN, AS THEY ARE
9 COMING UP, ON ITEM NO. 43, SUPERVISOR KNABE WILL RELEASE HIS
10 HOLD ON THIS ITEM. AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD LIKE A
11 TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. SO ITEM 43 WILL
14 BE CONTINUED. THERE WILL BE NO TESTIMONY ON THAT. THANK YOU.
15 TWO WEEKS.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD IF YOU'RE READY.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I
22 DID. I HELD A LOT OF THINGS. I HELD ITEM 3-D, IT REFERS TO THE
23 SOUND PROOFING BEING DONE BY L.A.W.A. AND YET NO BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS MEMBER HAS DONE ANYTHING ABOUT THE FEES THAT
25 L.A.W.A. PUTS OUT, THAT THEY GET FROM PASSENGERS WHO TAKE

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1 TAXIS. AND I BELIEVE THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE TAXICAB COMPANIES
2 SAID EACH COMPANY GETS \$2, 50 PERCENT OF THE FEES THAT EVERY
3 PASSENGER-- FEE EVERY PERSON WHO GETS IN A CAB BASICALLY PAYS.
4 THEY PAY A \$4 FEE AND \$2 GOES TO THE CAB COMPANIES. BUT YOU
5 CAN'T GET PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BY METRO. THERE'S NO TRAINS TO
6 THE AIRPORT BY METRO.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 3-D HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT HAS. IT HAS SOMETHING ABOUT L.A.W.A. PAYING
11 USING FEES. AND I'M TRYING TO GET YOU TO SEE THAT THOSE FEES
12 COME FROM THE PUBLIC. AND YET HALF OF THOSE FEES END UP IN
13 PRIVATE POCKETS. AND WHY IS THAT, SUPERVISOR? WHY DON'T YOU
14 ADDRESS THAT? THEN I HELD THE P'S. 3-P, 5-P. 6-P, 7-P. ALSO 30
15 BECAUSE YOU HAVE SPECIFIED FUNDS, COMPETITIVE FUND, CITY
16 EXCESS FUNDS, COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AND SPECIFIED EXCESS SAFE
17 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK FUNDS. THAT'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT FINGERS. I
18 ONLY HAVE ONE FINGER. I HELD ITEM 3. YOU HAD MADE THIS MOTION
19 BACK IN FEBRUARY 11 OF 2011. WHY DIDN'T YOU HIRE CONSULTANT
20 THEN? I HELD ITEM 19. ITEM 19 DEALS WITH RECLASSIFICATION OF
21 COUNTY POSITIONS. WHO AUTHORIZES THE STUDY FOR THESE
22 RECLASSIFICATION OF THESE POSITIONS? IS THAT DONE BY THE
23 COUNTY? THAT'S NOT AGENDIZED BY THE COUNTY BOARD. ISN'T THAT A
24 VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT, THAT YOU DON'T AGENDIZE THOSE
25 ITEMS THAT YOU'RE CONSULTING ON? DON'T KNOW. WE NEED SOME

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1 ACCOUNTABILITY THERE. I HELD ITEM-- I DID HOLD ITEM 36 AND 43.
2 YOU CONTINUED THEM. I HELD ITEM 37, IT'S THE COUNTY PROP C.
3 LOCAL RETURN FUNDS. ISN'T THAT THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX? WHY
4 ARE YOU SPENDING COUNTY FUNDS ON A CITY PROJECT? WHY DON'T YOU
5 SPEND THAT MONEY IN THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHICH YOU
6 REPRESENT? WHY DOESN'T THE CITY OF L.A. PUT IN ITS COUNTY
7 LOCAL C. RETURN FUNDS? WE KNOW THE PROBLEM WITH THE LOCAL C.--
8 , THE MEASURE R RETURN FUNDS AND THE 3% RETURN FUNDS THAT
9 METRO DOESN'T COLLECT FOR ALL ITS PROJECTS. WHY DON'T YOU
10 CHECK INTO THAT? AGAIN IT'S ANOTHER METRO SITUATION. I KNOW
11 THAT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA. BUT IT IS LOCAL RETURN FUNDS AND
12 MEASURE R DOES HAVE TWO CATEGORIES FOR LOCAL RETURN FUNDS. ONE
13 WHERE THE PUBLIC IS TAXED ALREADY FOR PROJECTS THEY'RE ALREADY
14 PAYING TAXES ON. THAT'S THE 3 PERCENT MATCH. REMEMBER THAT,
15 SUPERVISOR?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? NO APPLAUSE, PLEASE. GO
18 AHEAD.

19

20 **AMEER FLIPPIN:** YES, MY NAME IS AMEER FLIPPIN. I'M HERE MORE SO
21 NOT TO HOLD ANY ITEMS BUT TO HOPEFULLY ADD SOME THOUGHTS TO
22 ALL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT ARE RELATED TO CAPITAL FUNDING. I
23 AM INDIVIDUALLY HOPEFULLY GETTING SOME PEOPLE ON BOARD, SOME
24 DIFFERENT ENTITIES, FOR PROFITS, NONPROFITS TO DO AN L.A.
25 COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE. THE IDEA IS TO HELP THE GRASSROOTS

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1 LOCAL ECONOMY FIND SOME TRACTION WITH DISCRETIONARY INCOME AND
2 TO HOPEFULLY HELP THE TRICKLE-DOWN EFFECT FROM THE PRESENT
3 ECONOMIC SYSTEM. L.A. COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE IS BEING LAUNCHED
4 FOR, WE'RE SORT OF IDENTIFYING ITEMS 36, 3 AND 1-D, THOSE ARE
5 HUGE BUDGETARY ITEMS THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO CARVE OUT A
6 SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR THE LOWER INCOME, GRASSROOTS
7 INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY NOT HAVE ANY INCOME. SO THE L.A.
8 COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE IS BEING LAUNCHED IN THE HOPES OF
9 CHANGING THE LOCAL ECONOMY IN LOS ANGELES AND CALIFORNIA. THE
10 PRIMARY MISSION IS-- THE EVOLVING GOAL IS TO CREATE AN
11 UMBRELLA FOR SMALL COMMUNITY CLUSTERS OF COOPERATIVES TO BE
12 INTEGRATED INTO THE EXISTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,
13 NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT STRATEGY. THE BELIEF IS THAT THE
14 LOCAL ECONOMY WILL NOT CHANGE AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL WHERE
15 CITIZENS ARE NOT ABLE TO INCREASE HIS OR HER DISCRETIONARY
16 INCOME. THE MISSION WILL CHANGE AS WE SOURCE EXISTING RESEARCH
17 IN PROJECTS WHERE A TRACK RECORD HAS BEEN CREATED AND AS NEW
18 NONPROFIT AND FOR PROFIT ENTITIES INPUT THEIR EXPERIENCES INTO
19 THE PROJECT. TWO EXAMPLES. A PREMIER EXISTING COOPERATIVE
20 MODELS, THE CLEVELAND MODEL, CLEVELAND, OHIO, HOW THE
21 EVERGREEN COOPERATIVE BUILT COMMUNITY WEALTH. ANYBODY CAN GO
22 ON THEIR CELL PHONES AND DO A SEARCH FOR THE CLEVELAND MODEL.
23 AND THE EVERGREEN COOPERATIVES. GREAT YOUTUBE VIDEO ON THAT.
24 THE SECOND EXAMPLE IS AN INTERNATIONAL MODEL CALLED THE
25 INDIA'S RECYCLING COOPERATIVES. THAT'S A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR A

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1 LARGE CITY TO REALLY TAKE THE BULL BY THE HORNS AND TO TOTALLY
2 RECYCLE DOLLARS WITHIN AN EXISTING COMMUNITY OR THE EXISTING
3 ECONOMIES OF SCALE FROM THE BOTTOMS UP. INDIA'S RECYCLING
4 COOPERATIVE CAN BE PULLED UP ON YOUTUBE. JUST DO A SEARCH FOR
5 INDIA'S RECYCLING COOPERATIVES. AND, THIRDLY, I THINK THAT THE
6 WITH 20 SECONDS TO GO, THE CLEVELAND MODEL OF BUILDING OR
7 ATTACHING A COOPERATIVE PROJECT TO ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS, ANCHOR
8 INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE THE KEY IN THE SENSE THAT ANCHOR-- IN
9 THE SENSE THAT THE ANCHOR DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO MOVE OR
10 BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION. IT'S THE
11 BIGGEST IMPACT FACTOR.

12
13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'D ASK MIKE GOMEZ TO JOIN US
14 ON 19 AND 67.

15
16 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND TODAY'S
17 AGENDA, JUST FOR THE RECORD, IS UTTERLY STUFFED BEYOND BELIEF,
18 SO IT'S VERY HARD TO ADDRESS ALL OF THE ITEMS, HOWEVER I'LL
19 TRY. THE ONES I'M INTERESTED IN. ITEM NO. 2 AND ITEM NO. 10
20 AND C.S.-3 ALL DEAL WITH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION THAT AS WE
21 RECALL, MR. YAROSLAVSKY AND KNABE WERE NOT EXCITED ABOUT AND
22 THE OTHER SUPERVISORS WERE FOR THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES GROUP.
23 THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THIS SECTION INCLUDE REALLY
24 THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE, AS THE BOARD KNOWS. THERE'S
25 THREE FIRMS THAT ARE CITED IN THIS GROUP, IN THIS ITEM WHICH

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1 IS JONES DAY, SHEPHERD KIM, WHICH IS WHERE MR. DROOYAN WHO IS,
2 SIR, YOUR LAWYER BUT ALSO THE IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR AND NOW
3 DISAPPOINTINGLY A R.O.S.I.S. MONITOR. HE'S NO LONGER WORKING
4 FOR THE COUNTY, APPARENTLY HE'S WORKING FOR HIS LAW FIRM, I
5 GUESS, AND THE JUDGE HAS TAPPED THAT SAME GUY WHICH OBVIOUSLY
6 WAS YOUR LAWYER JUST FIVE SECONDS AGO. SO THAT'S A GREAT
7 CONCERN HE'LL BE IN THAT ROLE. AND OF COURSE THE FOUR ROLES
8 BEING ADDED TO OPERATE THE E.S.C.A.R.S. SYSTEM AT THE D.A.'S
9 OFFICE IS OF NOTE AND WORRISOME THAT IT SHOULD COST SO MUCH
10 MONEY. IT'S ALMOST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS AND THIS IS A
11 PROGRAM THAT IS ALREADY RUNNING, SO THAT IS REALLY JUST A
12 GREASE FOR MR. HUNTSMAN'S FORMER GROUP. IN ADDITION FINALLY
13 ITEM NO. IN THE LAW SECTION, UNDER 53 IS A REALLY SAD STORY
14 ABOUT A GUY WHO JUMPED THE METRO TURNSTILE THEN INFLECTED WITH
15 A LAW ENFORCEMENT GUY AND DIED. THERE WERE THREE TASERS AND IT
16 WAS A BIG MESS, FRANKLY. I JUST WANT TO LOOK TO MAKE SURE THAT
17 THE CORRECTIVE ACTION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WAS APPROPRIATE.
18 THEY DON'T REALLY OWN UP TO ANY WRONGDOING. I THINK ONE THING
19 WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND IS THAT IF PEOPLE JUMP THE TURNSTILE,
20 WE SHOULD HAVE A PROCEDURE FOR GETTING THEM THAT DOES NOT
21 INVOLVE GOING AFTER THEM ALONE. IT MIGHT INVOLVE INSTEAD
22 CATCHING HIM LATER BECAUSE IT'S NOT A MAJOR OFFENSE. JUST LIKE
23 WITH THOSE CAR CHASES, WE DON'T WANT TO HURT OTHER PEOPLE IN
24 THE PROCESS OR ANYONE. SO THAT NEEDS A CAREFUL STUDY BY THIS
25 GROUP. AND MR. SALADINO, IN YOUR NEW ROLE, THE H.B.R.

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1 CONSULTING GROUP DID A REPORT, AS YOU KNOW, ON THE LAW
2 PROVIDING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY HOW IT'S GOING. FRANKLY, WE'VE
3 ASKED FOR THAT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORD ACT AND WE
4 REALLY WANT TO LOOK. WE WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE GETTING
5 QUALITY LEGAL ADVICE FOR THIS GROUP. ITEM NO. 12, ONE MORE
6 LITTLE LAW BIT, IS THE CEDRIC GROUP IS TAKING OVER SOME
7 DISABILITY CLAIM MANAGEMENT FOR US. THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR
8 MANY YEARS ALONG WITH ONE OTHER GROUP I ALWAYS FORGET THE
9 NAME. BUT THIS GROUP WAS THE ONLY BIDDER, WHICH IS OF NOTE.
10 AND THE REASON WAS BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME OUT-OF-STATE
11 DIMENSION FOR MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS BUSINESS WHO ARE OUT
12 OF STATE. I JUST WANTED TO BRING TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION THAT
13 THEY, TOO, ARE BASED IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, IS MY
14 UNDERSTANDING. AND SO THIS IS A VERY ODD TURN OF EVENTS THERE
15 IN MY VIEW. ITEM 14, IS SUSAN HERMAN, A GREAT C.E.O. WHO
16 MIRIAM KRINSKY CITED ONCE IN A VERY, VERY IMPRESSIVE WAY,
17 NEEDS TO PROVIDE FOOTAGE FROM THESE BOARD MEETING ONTO A HARD
18 DRIVE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MIGHT WANT THAT, AS OPPOSED TO
19 CHARGING THEM \$10 PER DISC WHEN IT CAN ALL BE DONE IN AN
20 INTEGRATED FASHION THROUGH COMPUTERS ON PAGE 14.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT WAS FALL SHORT, BECAUSE I'M HALFWAY. I'LL
25 COME BACK ON ITEM 20 FOR MR. GOVAN, THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ALREADY ADDRESSED 20. THAT WAS YOUR
3 TIME. THAT WAS YOUR TIME. IT'S ON THE LIST.

4

5 **MIKE GOMEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS OF THE
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MY NAME IS MIKE GOMEZ. I'M AN LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND UNION
8 STEWARD FOR S.E.I .U. LOCAL 721. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NO. 19.
9 I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE COUNTY CONTRACTING AND THE
10 OUTRAGEOUS METHOD OF DENYING A DECENT LIVING TO COUNTY
11 CONTRACT WORKERS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. FOR
12 THE LAST 20 YEARS, THE COUNTY, AFTER THE PASSAGE OF VOTER-
13 APPROVED PROPOSITION A, HAS CONTRACTED OUT WORK TO TEMPORARY
14 AGENCIES AND SAVED THE COUNTY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
15 DOLLARS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, EMPLOYED A SERF LABOR FORCE OF
16 EMPLOYEES DENIED A DECENT WAGE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF HOLIDAY
17 PAY, VACATION PAY, SICK PAY OR A PENSION UNDER THE
18 JUSTIFICATION OF COUNTY TEMPORARY WORKERS. WELL, THESE
19 TEMPORARY CONTRACT WORKERS HAVE NOW LABORED FOR THE COUNTY FOR
20 WELL OVER 15 YEARS AND STILL RETAIN THE STATUS OF TEMPORARY BY
21 EXTENDING THEIR CONTRACTS WELL OVER THE 90-DAY PERIOD YEAR
22 AFTER YEAR. IT IS UNETHICAL AND EMBARRASSING AND SHAMEFUL FOR
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE WITH THIS OUTRAGEOUS
24 METHOD OF JUSTIFYING SAVINGS FOR THE COUNTY WHILE EXPLOITING
25 AND USING PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLED LABOR OF CONTRACT

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1 WORKERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNTY AND TO THE DETRIMENT OF
2 ITS CITIZENS AND EMPLOYEES. I AM PLEADING WITH THE BOARD TO
3 END THIS SHAMEFUL CONTRACTING OUT AND GRANDFATHER IN THE
4 CURRENT CONTRACT WORKERS, MANY WHO HAVE WORKED DECADES FOR THE
5 COUNTY DILIGENTLY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK TRINIDAD MARCOS
8 TO JOIN US ON 1-P.

9

10 **TRINIDAD MARCOS:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU
11 FOR BRINGING ATTENTION TO THIS. 1-P PROPOSITION. I'M SPEAKING
12 FROM DEBS PARK AT AUDUBON. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
13 GLORIA MOLINA ESPECIALLY FOR BRINGING THIS UP. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS ARE
16 BEFORE US. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
19 THIS BOARD. ITEM NO. 3-D, 4-D, 1-P, 3-P, 5-P, 6-P, 7-P, ITEM
20 NO. 4, 10, 12, 26, 36, 37, 39, 44, 52 AND 67.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL GO TO THE SET ITEM.
3 ITEM S-1, PLEASE. S-1, IT'S ALL YOURS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** -- SERVICES WHO WERE GOING TO UNVEIL THE NEW
6 COUNTY TRAILS WEBSITE. TRAILS.LACOUNTY.GOV. THE COUNTY IS HOME
7 TO ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE AND EXPANSIVE MULTI-USE TRAIL
8 SYSTEMS AND A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND
9 BACKGROUNDS ARE USING OUR TRAILS FOR HIKING, BIKING AND
10 HORSEBACK RIDING. AND I WOULD SAY THAT BOTH RUSS AND JOHN FROM
11 THE DEPARTMENT DO RIDE WHEN WE DO OUR TRAIL RIDES. AND WE JUST
12 HAD A RIDE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO IN MARSHALL CANYON. AND THEY
13 WERE STANDING TALL ON THEIR HORSES AS WE HAD A GREAT RIDE. SO
14 THEY PERSONALLY ARE INVOLVED. AND THAT'S A GOOD DEPARTMENT
15 HEAD WHEN THEY ARE INVOLVED IN THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT. THE
16 GROWING POPULARITY OF THESE ACTIVITIES IS WHY MY OFFICE HAS
17 ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY AND ASSESS THE TRAILS IN MY
18 DISTRICT TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS DATABASE FOR A CLEAR
19 UNDERSTANDING OF HOW MANY PUBLIC TRAILS ARE AVAILABLE. IT
20 DIDN'T TAKE THAT LONG BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT REALIZED THAT THIS
21 COULD BE EXPANDED TO EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SO THE
22 ENTIRE COUNTY'S 4,000 SQUARE MILES PLUS ARE GOING TO BE
23 INCLUDED. THIS IS A COMPREHENSIVE, INTERACTIVE WEBSITE WITH
24 MANY EXCITING FEATURES. AND NOW OUR DIRECTOR RUSS GUINEY IS

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1 GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND SHOW US THAT
2 NEW WEBSITE.

3

4 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. YOU HAVE OUR
5 GRATITUDE FOR YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO TRAILS WHICH DELIVER
6 SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS, ENRICH THEIR LIVES
7 WITH HEALTHY OUTDOOR RECREATION. THANK YOU ESPECIALLY,
8 SUPERVISOR, FOR SPEARHEADING THIS PROJECT WHICH I'M CONFIDENT
9 WILL HELP EXPAND ACCESS TO AND KNOWLEDGE OF L.A. COUNTY'S ONE-
10 OF-A-KIND TRAIL SYSTEM. WE'RE SO EXCITED NOW THAT EVERY MEMBER
11 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS NOW PART OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT
12 PROJECT. SO THANKS TO EACH OF YOU. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE
13 TO BE PART OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TRAILS.LACOUNTY.GOV IS NOW
14 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THIS IS A TRULY AMAZING, INTERACTIVE
15 RESOURCE. THE WEBSITE IS TAILORED TO SERVE THE COUNTY'S
16 GROWING NUMBER OF TRAIL ENTHUSIASTS AND ALL NATURE SEEKERS WHO
17 USE TRAILS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR RECREATION AND EXERCISE.
18 IT IS ALL WITHIN A REGIONAL NETWORK THAT CONNECTS BEACH
19 COMMUNITIES WITH THE FAR REACHES OF THE SANTA MONICA
20 MOUNTAINS, ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST AND SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS
21 THROUGH THE PUENTE HILLS AND INTO THE BALDWIN HILLS, FROM THE
22 DESERT AND FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES ALONG RIVERS AND CHANNELS AND
23 INTO THE URBAN CORE. NOW ON TRAILS.LACOUNTY.GOV, USERS CAN
24 FIND IMPORTANT DETAILED AND REGULARLY UPDATED INFORMATION ON
25 HUNDREDS OF THESE TRAILS. TO MAKE THIS ALL POSSIBLE, OUR STAFF

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1 AND A PLACEWORKS CONSULTANT TEAM CONDUCTED A DETAILED
2 ASSESSMENT THAT INVOLVED G.P.S. MAPPING AND DEVELOPING A
3 G.I.S. DATABASE FOR THE COUNTY'S TRAILS IN NORTH L.A. COUNTY.
4 THE TRAILS INFORMATION COLLECTION EFFORT GREW TO ENCOMPASS
5 TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
6 MENTIONED, NOW INCLUDES ALL FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AND
7 SEVERAL PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS. FOR EACH TRAIL, THE WEBSITE
8 PROVIDES PRINTABLE MAPS, PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS AND OTHER VITAL
9 INFORMATION SUCH AS AIR QUALITY REPORTS AND ALERTS ABOUT
10 SPECIAL CONDITIONS. COMPLETED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY
11 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE WEBSITE DESIGN ALSO ALLOWS
12 USERS TO GO MUCH DEEPER BY OBTAINING INFORMATION SUCH AS
13 DISTANCE, STEEPNESS, ACCESS POINTS, TERRAIN AND A.D.A.
14 ACCESSIBILITY ON TRAILS. TODAY, WE UNVEIL THE INTERACTIVE
15 TRAIL WEBSITE YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT IN JUST FEW MINUTES. BUT
16 I'M ALSO PLEASED TO SAY THAT A MOBILE VERSION OF THE SITE IS
17 EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY LATE DECEMBER AND A MOBILE
18 APPLICATION AND TRAIL SIGNAGE PROGRAM IS DUE IN 2015. I THINK
19 YOU WILL AGREE THAT ALL THESE INITIATIVES WILL BE A GREAT
20 BENEFIT TO RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR ONGOING
21 COMMITMENT TO ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING HEALTHY RECREATION.
22 NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT SUCH STRONG
23 SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE ENTHUSIASM OF
24 YOUR PARK DEPUTIES. BECAUSE OF YOUR COMMITMENT, OUR COUNTY
25 TRAIL SYSTEM IS NO LONGER OUR BEST KEPT SECRET. TO MAKE THE

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1 TRULY-- TO MAKE THIS TRULY COMPREHENSIVE, WE WORKED WITH A
2 NUMBER OF PARTNERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND JURISDICTIONS,
3 INCLUDING THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. FOREST SERVICE,
4 CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS, MOUNTAINS RESTORATION TRUST, SANTA
5 MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND
6 CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF THEIR
7 CONTRIBUTIONS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ENORMOUS
8 CONTRIBUTION OF OUR DEPARTMENT STAFF IN THE TRAILS PLANNING
9 SECTION, LED BY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR NORMA
10 GARCIA, WHO IS HERE WITH ME THIS MORNING. THEY HAVE ALSO PUT
11 SO MUCH EFFORT, TIME AND PASSION INTO THE VISION AND CREATION
12 OF THE TRAIL INFORMATION PROGRAM. NOW I WOULD INVITE YOU TO
13 TAKE A LOOK AT THE RESULT OF ALL THAT WORK AND COLLABORATION
14 WITH A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SOME OF THE FEATURES TO BE FOUND AT
15 TRAILS.LACOUNTY.GOV. [MUSIC.] [APPLAUSE.]

16
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME CONGRATULATE WHO HELPED
18 MAKE ALL THIS POSSIBLE. RUSS GUINEY, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF
19 PARKS AND JIM JONES WHO IS DIRECTOR OF I.S.D. THOMAS CONTRERAS
20 OF THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE SUPERVISOR, SEAN WOODS
21 WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS SUPERINTENDENT, L.A. SECTOR.
22 DEBBIE SHARPTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MOUNTAINS
23 RESTORATION TRUST. PAUL EDELMAN, CHIEF OF NATURAL RESOURCES
24 AND PLANNING FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, AND
25 ANNA STRAWBY, DEPUTY CHIEF FOR URBAN PROJECTS AND WATERSHED

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1 PLANNING FOR THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
2 AUTHORITY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S OUR PRESENTATION
5 RECEIVE AND FILE. DID SOMEONE SIGN UP? SACHS. ARNOLD SACHS
6 COME FORWARD IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON S-1, I GUESS?

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I
9 AGREE WITH THE PRESENTER THAT THE COUNTY BOARD SHOULD BE
10 COMMITTED. HE SAID COMMITMENT. I THINK YOU SHOULD BE
11 COMMITTED. AND I JUST WANT TO WONDER ABOUT THE DESIGNATION
12 LAST WEEK ABOUT FOR THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. HOW WAS THIS
13 FUNDED? HOW WAS IT PAID? BECAUSE YOU JUST DID AGAIN ON YOUR
14 AGENDA, YOU SPENT 4.8 MILLION OF PROP C LOCAL RETURN FUNDS FOR
15 SOME STUFF IN THE CITY. WAS IT FUNDED THROUGH THE SAFE PARKS
16 FROM 1996 AND 1992? THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION?
17 WAS IT SPECIFIED? WAS IT COMPETITIVE FUNDING? WAS IT CITY SAFE
18 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK FUNDING? WAS IT COUNTY SPECIFIED? JUST OUT
19 OF CURIOSITY. AND THAT BRINGS ME TO THE NEXT QUESTION. BIKE
20 PATHS. THERE'S NO MONEY FOR BIKE PATHS. AND WHY IS THAT? I
21 BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA A FEW YEARS AGO,
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BIKE PATHS IN
23 THE COUNTY. SO WHAT IS THE COUNTY? AND, AGAIN, YOU SPENT 4.8
24 MILLION ON PROP C FUNDING, WHERE ARE YOU SPENDING MONEY ON
25 BIKE PATHS FOR USE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY? YOUR BIG PUSH, FIRST

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1 MILE, LAST MILE FOR METRO, INCLUSIVE OF BIKE PATHS. BIKE
2 PATHS, BIKE PATHS. BIKE PATHS ON THE STREETS, BIKE PATHS ON
3 THE SIDEWALK, BIKE PATHS FOR TRAILS. HOW MUCH-- WHAT IS THE
4 PROGNOSIS FOR THE BIKE PATHS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND ALL THE
5 DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH BIKE PATHS?
6 IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER TO ACTUALLY HAVE BIKES ON BIKE PATHS
7 THAN ON THE MIDDLE OF THE FREEWAY. MAYBE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER
8 THAT IF YOU WANT TO REALLY CLOG UP TRAFFIC, BECAUSE YOU'RE
9 PUTTING THEM ON EVERY MAJOR THOROUGHFARE, WHICH IS REALLY
10 HELPING TO KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING. SO BIKE PATHS, SIR, YOU'RE NOT
11 ANSWERING. AND I AM JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW WHY. THANK YOU. BIKE
12 PATHS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM, SO THANK
15 YOU. LET'S SEE. WHY DON'T WE TAKE ITEM NO. 9? SUPERVISOR
16 MOLINA? I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT, AMENDING MOTION ON
17 ITEM NO. 9? I DO HAVE A SPEAKER ON ITEM 9. YOU WANT TO WAIT
18 THEN? WE'LL WAIT ON THAT. AND WE'LL WAIT. MR. GILLOTTE WILL
19 WAIT ON CALLING YOU UP THEN. OKAY. LET'S TAKE ITEM NO. 4.
20 CLARE FOX AND ANDREW DOUGLAS. AND THEN, GENEVIEVE, IF YOU'D
21 LIKE TO COME UP ON ITEM 14.

22

23 **CLARE FOX:** HI, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS CLARE FOX. I'M THE
24 DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND INNOVATION FOR THE LOS ANGELES FOOD
25 POLICY COUNCIL. WE ARE A NONPROFIT COLLECTIVE IMPACT

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1 ORGANIZATION THAT WAS STARTED BY THE CITY OF L.A. TO WORK ON
2 FOOD POLICY ISSUES COUNTYWIDE AND ACROSS THE REGION. OUR
3 PURPOSE IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO GOOD
4 FOOD, HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND FAIRLY GROWN FOOD.
5 AND WE'RE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF A MOTION INTRODUCED BY
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO CREATE URBAN AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE
7 ZONES. I'M REPRESENTING A VERY ACTIVE AND VIBRANT URBAN
8 AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF OVER 200
9 URBAN FARMERS AND COMMUNITY GARDENERS. THERE ARE ACTUALLY 1300
10 ACTIVE URBAN AG SITES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. SO THEY'RE
11 REPRESENTING AN EVEN LARGER BASE OF PEOPLE. SO IF IMPLEMENTED,
12 THIS POLICY WOULD HELP TRANSFORM VACANT AND BLIGHTED
13 PROPERTIES INTO VIBRANT FOOD GROWING SPACES LIKE COMMUNITY
14 GARDENS AND URBAN FARMS. THIS CAN HELP EXPAND ACCESS TO
15 HEALTHY FOOD IN LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE HEALTHY FOOD
16 SERVICES ARE LIMITED. IT CAN ALSO SUPPORT THE GROCERY BUDGETS
17 OF LOW INCOME RESIDENTS AND, OF COURSE, TURNING VACANT
18 PROPERTY INTO A COMMUNITY GARDENS HELPS REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES
19 IN A WAY THAT CONNECTS PEOPLE TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE EARTH
20 AND STABILIZES THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THERE'S MANY COMMUNITY
21 ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO URBAN AGRICULTURE,
22 ESPECIALLY FOR LOW INCOME AND HARDER HIT COMMUNITIES. SO WE
23 DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. WE THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION TODAY. AND WE LOOK
25 FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT?

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4 **ANDREW DOUGLAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
5 SPEAK BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT
6 THE BOARD HAS DONE IN TERMS OF URBAN AGRICULTURE. YOU'VE ALL
7 DONE DIFFERENT THINGS VARYING FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S
8 BEAUTIFUL VISION FOR LA PLAZA AND A PUBLIC KITCHEN AND GROWING
9 FOOD TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S WORK IN HIS DISTRICT AND
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S WORK IN SUPPORT OF A STRAWBERRY FLAG
11 PROJECT THAT THE WEST L.A. HOME FOR VETERANS. I AM A GROWER. I
12 GROW FOOD. I'M A SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE, BUT I VERY MUCH GROW
13 FOOD AND HAVE IN LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 10 YEARS. THIS IS A
14 WONDERFUL PIECE OF LEGISLATION. AND YOU KNOW BETTER THAN
15 ANYBODY IN THE ROOM HOW MUCH OF WHAT YOUR JOB ENTAILS KEEPING
16 BAD THINGS FROM HAPPENING. THIS IS NOT NEGATION-BASED, IT IS
17 CREATION-BASED. IT'S A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A DEGREE
18 OF EQUITY TO URBAN AGRICULTURE INITIATIVES THAT ALREADY EXIST
19 ON A RURAL LEVEL. \$20 BILLION OF INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE IS
20 SUBSIDIZED ANNUALLY ON A FEDERAL LEVEL, MUCH OF WHICH IS FOR
21 FOOD THAT DOESN'T END UP IN ANYONE'S STOMACHS. THERE ARE
22 WAITING LISTS FOR ALL THE COMMUNITY GARDENS. THERE IS A DEMAND
23 FOR THIS, ESPECIALLY IN THE FOOD DESERT. SO JUST VERY
24 APPRECIATIVE AND ALSO MY EXTRAORDINARY GRATITUDE GOES OUT TO
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR THEIR WORK

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1 AND THEIR SERVICE AND ESPECIALLY TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
2 FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE TABLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK
3 YOU TO ANY VETERANS WHO ARE STILL IN THE ROOM.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WOULD INVITE YOU IF YOU WANT TO COME
6 TO THE FOURTH DISTRICT, I INVITE YOU COME AND LEAD US AND SEE
7 OUR GARDEN THAT WE DO. WE HAVE BANQUETS RIGHT OUT OF THE--
8 IT'S PHENOMENAL.

9

10 **ANDREW DOUGLAS:** I'VE SEEN IT ON THE INTERNET. YES, SIR, I'LL
11 BE THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN.

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
14 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 14 HAVING TO DO WITH
15 TELEVISION PROGRAM TO COVER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THE
16 LAST YEAR, THEY ALWAYS FORGET TO PUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ON
17 IT. AND FEW MONTHS AGO I COMPLAIN ON THAT. AND I WAS TOLD THAT
18 THERE WOULD BE CHANGE. IT'S STILL NOT CHANGED. AND I KIND OF
19 RESENT THAT BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE IN FAIRNESS. AND ALSO
20 ANTONOVICH IS MY SUPERVISOR, SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIS NAME
21 ON, YOU KNOW, THE BROADCAST. AND IT'S NEVER ON IT. AND IT HAS
22 BEEN THERE FOR MONTHS. SO I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO NOT
23 RENEW THE CONTRACT IF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S NAME CANNOT BE
24 DISPLAYED. AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY IT'S NOT.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND CAN I SPEAK TO NO. 3 NOW OR LATER?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LATER.

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND THOSE ARE SOME ARTICLES ABOUT

8 EBOLA, WHAT YOU SAID, 45 AND 46 WHO FAIL. WONDERFUL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL GO TO S-2, SET ITEM.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 14 IS BEFORE THIS BOARD?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY

15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THE

16 CAVEAT, WE ADD HIS NAME IF IT'S NOT THERE. OKAY? WE'LL GO TO

17 NO. 9 QUICK BEFORE WE HIT S-2.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS YOU KNOW, I HAD PUT IN A MOTION WITH REGARD TO

20 THE ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED BY THE L.A. TIMES WITH REGARD TO

21 RECRUITMENT AND HIRING WITHIN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. I HAD AN

22 EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF OSBY YESTERDAY AND THEY'VE

23 SPOKEN ABOUT THE EXTENSIVE PROCESS THEY ARE UTILIZING IN

24 COMING UP WITH A NEW EXAM AND TRYING TO BE AS CAUTIOUS AND

25 CAREFUL AND ELIMINATE ANY BIASES IF ANY ARE THERE SO THAT WE

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1 CAN MOVE FORWARD THROUGH A PROCESS THAT WILL HAVE THE KIND OF
2 INTEGRITY THAT ANY HIRING PROCESS HAS. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT
3 HAS BEEN A CONCERN TO ME IS THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
4 VACANCIES. AND MORE VACANCIES THAT WILL BE OCCURRING AS THE
5 MONTHS GO BY. AND YET WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS
6 POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET THIS NOTICE UP, OUR
7 EXAMINATION READY TO GO AND TO BEGIN THE PROCESS AS WELL AS TO
8 FILL UP OUR ACADEMY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN FILL OUR PRESENT
9 200 VACANCIES BUT MORE SIGNIFICANTLY IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING
10 THERE MIGHT BE AS MANY AS 20,000 PEOPLE WAITING IN THE WINGS
11 FOR POTENTIAL JOBS. SO THESE ARE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US
12 ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE
13 DEPARTMENT-- FOR OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. SO WHAT I HAVE DONE,
14 INSTEAD OF THE MOTION OF JUST TURNING IT OVER TO THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, INSTEAD WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IS
16 CREATE A STRIKE TEAM. I'M HAVING THE MOTION PASSED OUT. AND
17 WE'RE "DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO WORK WITH THE
18 DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE COUNTY EQUITY OVERSIGHT
19 PANEL SO THAT COLLECTIVELY CAN CREATE A STRIKE TEAM TO
20 EXPEDITE AND OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ENTRY-LEVEL
21 FIREFIGHTER TRAINING EXAM. THE STRIKE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF A
22 REPRESENTATIVE FROM C.O.P., THE HUMAN RESOURCES, THE OFFICE OF
23 COUNTY COUNSEL, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL
24 AS LOCAL 1014 TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, OBJECTIVITY, TRANSPARENCY
25 AND SECURITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE EXAMINATION." BUT I'M ALSO

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1 ASKING THE STRIKE FORCE TO REPORT TO THIS BOARD ON A WEEKLY
2 BASIS UNTIL THE APPLICATION PROCESS BEGINS. THE FIRE
3 DEPARTMENT WILL REPORT QUARTERLY WITH THEIR PROGRESS IN
4 SECURITY EXAMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS USED IN THE
5 FIREFIGHTER TRAINING EXAM AND TO DO SO MAINTAINING TESTING
6 VALIDITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY. I THINK THIS IS A COMPROMISE OF
7 EVERYBODY WORKING TOGETHER. BUT I DID WANT TO STRESS TO THE
8 DEPARTMENT, TO THE C.E.O., TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
9 RESOURCES AS WELL AS TO THE FIREFIGHTERS' UNION THAT WE HAVE
10 AN OPPORTUNITY WITH ALL OF THESE VACANCIES AVAILABLE TO BRING
11 SOME INTEGRITY AND CREDIBILITY TO THE PROCESS. WE'RE NOT SURE
12 IF IT WAS FLAWED BEFORE, BUT CERTAINLY THERE'S CERTAINLY BEEN
13 A LOT OF ALLEGATIONS AND CERTAINLY AN ARTICLE LED US TO
14 BELIEVE THAT THERE COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT OF PROBLEMS. WE NEED
15 TO MAKE SURE THERE'S GOING TO BE TRANSPARENCY IN THIS PROCESS,
16 AND WE'RE GOING TO GET THE OUTCOME TO START MOVING IN A
17 DIRECTION THAT IS GOING TO NOT ONLY FILL THE VACANCIES THAT WE
18 HAVE BUT THAT WE GET THE MOST QUALIFIED PEOPLE, THAT WE BRING
19 AS MUCH DIVERSITY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN, BUT WE ALL DO IT THROUGH
20 A PROCESS OF FAIRNESS AND EQUITY ACROSS THE BOARD. AND SO I
21 THINK THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THIS BOARD TO KEEP AN EYE
22 ON WHAT'S GOING ON. I THINK THESE ARE IMPORTANT, CRITICAL JOBS
23 THAT ARE VALUED NOT ONLY IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT FOR PEOPLE WHO
24 HAVE HAD LIFE LONG DREAMS TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER, WE WANT TO
25 MAKE SURE THEY HAVE EVERY SINGLE OPPORTUNITY. SO THIS MOTION,

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1 THIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION THAT I'M PUTTING IN, IS BASICALLY A
2 COMPROMISE THAT WE HAVE WORKED OUT WITH EVERYONE INVOLVED. I
3 DON'T KNOW IF THE CHIEF IS HERE, HE CAN COME UP AND ANSWER ANY
4 QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE PROCESS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ASK CHIEF OSBY TO JOIN US AS WELL AS
7 DAVE GILLOTTE.

8

9 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** HONORABLE CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DARYL
10 OSBY, FIRE CHIEF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. ON
11 BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO BE APPRECIATIVE TO THE BOARD THAT
12 WE WOULD ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS AS IT
13 RELATES TO THE ENTRY LEVEL FIREFIGHTER EXAMINATION. I WANT TO
14 THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP. I JUST WANT TO
15 REEMPHASIZE A COUPLE POINTS THAT WERE ARTICULATED BY
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. IS THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN
17 WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES,
18 COUNTY COUNSEL, OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS IN
19 RELATION TO REDEFINING, REDEVELOPING THE FIREFIGHTER
20 EXAMINATION PROCESS. IN ADDITION TO THAT, INTERNALLY WITHIN
21 THE DEPARTMENT, WE'VE IDENTIFIED A STAKEHOLDER GROUP, INCLUDED
22 BY PRESIDENT LOCAL 1014 AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS TO ENSURE
23 THAT WE ARE ARTICULATING AND INPUTTING THEIR CONCERNS INTO
24 THIS NEW FIREFIGHTER EXAMINATION. WE DO HAVE APPROXIMATELY 200
25 FIREFIGHTER VACANCIES SO WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT I

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1 WANT TO REEMPHASIZE THE POINT THAT THE EXAMINATION WILL BE
2 FAIR, IT WILL BE EQUITABLE, IT WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE AND THAT WE
3 WILL ENSURE THAT WE ATTRACT ALL APPLICANTS THAT HAVE INTEREST
4 INTO THE FIRE SERVICE THAT THEY WILL GET A FAIR SHAKE OF THIS
5 EXAMINATION PROCESS. WE ARE ALSO SUPPORTIVE OF THE STRIKE TEAM
6 THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. WE WILL ENSURE THAT WE REPORT BACK
7 TO THE BOARD WEEKLY AS IT RELATES TO THE PROCESS AND
8 EXAMINATION. AND THEN AFTERWARDS QUARTERLY TO ENSURE THAT WE
9 ARE MOVING FORWARD AND THAT WE'RE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT
10 TO THE BOARD AND TO THE CITIZENS AS IT RELATES TO A POTENTIAL
11 CAREER IN THE FIRE SERVICE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DAVE?

14

15 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS
16 DAVE GILLOTTE THE PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S
17 UNION, LOCAL 1014. I'M ALSO AN ACTIVE DUTY FIRE CAPTAIN 26
18 YEARS. I'VE BEEN A PARAMEDIC FIREFIGHTER, ENGINEER AND I
19 CURRENTLY WORK AT COMPTON, AND STILL SERVING THE PUBLIC AS
20 WELL AS BEING THE UNION PRESIDENT. I REPRESENT SOME OF THE
21 FINEST 3200 FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS, HELICOPTER AND WILDLAND
22 FIREFIGHTERS, DISPATCHERS AND HAZMATTERS. A GREAT TEAM. AS YOU
23 WOULD IMAGINE, I AM EXTREMELY PROUD TO BE PART OF ONE OF THE
24 MOST BRILLIANT AND THE BEST FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE WORLD. AND
25 THE FOUNDATION OF THAT GREATNESS IS THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO

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1 SERVE IN HARM'S WAY. WHILE I ROSE TO OPPOSE THE ORIGINAL
2 MOTION AS SUBMITTED, AND I WILL SAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT, I
3 RISE TO SUPPORT THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND THANK ALL THE
4 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD AND STAFF FOR THEIR LONG HOURS OF WORK
5 THIS WEEK TO ARRIVE WHERE WE ARRIVED AND I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE
6 PATH WE'RE GOING TO TAKE. WE ARE ABOUT SOLUTIONS. THIS
7 HISTORIC APPROACH TO USE A STAKEHOLDER GROUP AND IN FACT A
8 STRIKE TEAM, A FIRE TERM APPROACH, INCORPORATING ALL VESTED
9 PARTNERS, INCLUDING LABOR, TO NOT ONLY MOVE FORWARD TO FILL
10 OUR 200 VACANCIES WHICH IS SO CRITICAL TO FILL OUR SERVICE
11 NEEDS BUT ALSO TO LEAD US INTO THE FUTURE OF RECRUITMENT,
12 TESTING, HIRING AND TRAINING IS WELL-FOUNDED AND WILL NET VERY
13 SUSTAINABLE RESULTS WITH INTEGRITY AND BOLD SOLUTIONS. WE HAVE
14 A GREAT BODY OF WORK IN PROGRESS ALREADY AND WE'LL BUILD ON
15 THAT. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE WORK AHEAD AS A PARTNER AND
16 I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH THIS LAST THOUGHT. THOSE WHO SERVE AND
17 HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO SERVE LIKE ANYONE ELSE MAY BE CALLED
18 UPON TO MAKE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AT ANY TIME. LET'S NOT
19 FORGET THAT. F.D.N.Y. FIREFIGHTERS ON 9/11, MANY FRIENDS OF
20 MINE AS WELL AS IN L.A. COUNTY, THE STATION FIRE, THE
21 WHEELJACKS, WE'VE SEEN THAT FIRSTHAND AND WE KNOW ALL TOO
22 WELL. SO LET US CONTEMPLATE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON WHAT WE
23 DO. AND THAT'S GET BACK TO WORK AND HUMBL Y SERVE THE PUBLIC
24 THAT WE SERVE. WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD OF THAT PROGRESS. THANK
25 YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. JUST A QUESTION.
6 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS
7 CONDUCTING AN AUDIT. AND IF IT COULD BE THE CASE, PERHAPS THE
8 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS HERE, THE QUESTION IS: WHAT IS THE SCOPE
9 OF THIS AUDIT? AND WHAT ARE THE DELIVERABLES? AND WHEN IS IT
10 DUE? SO AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HERE? AVAILABLE? QUESTIONS POLLS
11 FOR THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

12

13 **DARYL OSBY:** SUPERVISOR, I COULD SPEAK TO THAT IN PART.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. I'LL HOLD MY
16 QUESTIONS UNTIL THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS HERE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I SUPPORT THE
19 AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. BUT JUST
20 A POINT THAT AS I WAS TELLING THE FIRE CHIEF, HAVING SONS AND
21 DAUGHTERS WANTING TO FOLLOW THEIR FATHER'S OR MOTHER'S
22 PROFESSION IS SOMETHING TO BE APPLAUDED, HAVING GOOD ROLE
23 MODELS. BUT WE WANT FAIR SYSTEMS TO BE IN PLACE. BUT WE SHOULD
24 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE-- I KNOW MY COLLEAGUE WHO HAD SERVED HERE FOR
25 40 YEARS, SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN, HIS SON SERVED AS A MAYOR,

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1 AS COUNCILMAN, AS MEMBER OF THE JUDICIARY, HIS DAUGHTER
2 SERVING IN PUBLIC SERVICE AS A COUNCILWOMAN, NOW A
3 CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, THOSE ARE GREAT FAMILY
4 TRADITIONS. SO I KNOW NOT JUST IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR IN
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT IN MEDICINE, IN EDUCATION, WE WANT TO
6 ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE PRODUCTIVE, BUT WE WANT THE
7 SYSTEM TO BE FAIR. AND THIS IS A GOOD APPROACH AND WORKING
8 WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS WILL
9 ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THAT. SO I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S
10 AMENDMENT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DO, AS WELL. AND I THINK IN THE SENSE
13 OF FAIRNESS, I THINK IT'S A VERY GOOD MOTION, BUT I WOULD JUST
14 ADD ON TO THAT, ONE OF MY CONCERNS ORIGINALLY, IT'S ALWAYS
15 EASY TO TAKE THE SHOT THROUGH THE NEWSPAPER, BUT MY FIRST
16 THOUGHT WAS KEVIN WOJAK, WHO WAS THE ONE CAUGHT IN THAT FIRE-
17 STORM IN ARIZONA, ONE OF THE 19 KILLED AND HE WAS TRYING TO
18 BUILD HIS RESUME, WASN'T RELYING ON THE FACT THAT HIS DAD WAS
19 A GREAT FIREFIGHTER HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HE WAS TRYING
20 TO BUILD HIS OWN RESUME TO BE ABLE TO MOVE UP INTO THE
21 DIFFERENT BAND. SO YOU'RE RIGHT, DAVE, WE CANNOT FORGET ALL
22 THAT PIECE. AND IT WAS A VERY TRYING TIME FOR EVERYONE IN THE
23 DEPARTMENT, THE FAMILY AND EVERYTHING ELSE. OKAY, DID YOU GET
24 YOUR ANSWER? OKAY. HE'S OUT OF BREATH. HE RAN DOWN THERE.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WANTED TO
2 ADDRESS THE QUESTION TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BECAUSE THE
3 IMPULSE OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION AND IN PART WHAT'S BEFORE US
4 NOW IS AN INDEPENDENT LOOK, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY THE ROLE AND
5 THE FUNCTION OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. SO THE QUESTION IS:
6 WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE AUDIT? WHAT ARE THE DELIVERABLES? AND
7 WHEN ARE THOSE DELIVERABLES DUE?

8

9 **JOHN NAIMO:** YES, SIR. THE SCOPE OF THE AUDIT IS IN RESPONSE
10 PRIMARILY TO THE ARTICLE IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. IT'S
11 UNDERWAY AND WE EXPECT TO FINISH OUR INVESTIGATION IN LATE
12 JANUARY AND HAVE A REPORT AVAILABLE SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY 2015.
13 WE ARE LOOKING AT WHETHER OR NOT EXAM QUESTIONS WERE
14 COMPROMISED. AND WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT THE PROCESS UNDER WHICH
15 APPLICANTS BECAME ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE REQUEST FOR THE AUDIT WAS INITIATED
18 BY?

19

20 **JOHN NAIMO:** THIS REQUEST WAS INITIATED BY CHIEF OSBY. HE
21 COMMUNICATED THAT REQUEST TO YOUR BOARD SOME TIME AGO.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. AND SO THE DELIVERABLES ARE DUE
24 IN JANUARY. AND THEY WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO THE BOARD OR IS
25 THERE ANOTHER PLAN?

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2 **JOHN NAIMO:** TO SOME EXTENT THE RESULTS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.
3 WE WILL WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO PROVIDE YOUR BOARD WITH
4 THAT INFORMATION AND THEN DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANY, OF THAT
5 COULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, MR. CHAIRMAN, MY HOPE IS THAT
8 THE BOARD WILL BE IN RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF THE AUDIT IN
9 THE APPROPRIATE FASHION. ULTIMATELY, WE WILL BE HELD
10 ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT IS OR IS NOT HAPPENING IN THE FIRE
11 DEPARTMENT. OBVIOUSLY THE CHIEF SHOULD, IN FACT, BE PRIVY TO
12 THAT. BUT IT IS NOT MY EXPECTATION OR MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT
13 WOULD BE THE DOMAIN OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXCLUSIVELY BUT
14 ULTIMATELY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

15

16 **JOHN NAIMO:** YES, SIR.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THAT SHOULD BE THE COMMON
19 UNDERSTANDING; IF NOT, WE CAN MEMORIALIZE IT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING,
22 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION. CHAIR
23 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS-- PARDON ME? ALL RIGHT. WE
24 HAVE TWO PEOPLE SIGNED UP. PREVEN AND SACHS?

25

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
4 DISTRICT 3 AND I'LL BE EXCEPTIONALLY BRIEF ON THIS. I ACTUALLY
5 SORT OF AGREE WITH MAYOR ANTONOVICH THAT WE MUST REMEMBER THAT
6 FOLLOWING IN A PARENT'S FOOT- STEP IS NOT A BAD THING. AND
7 THAT OF COURSE LOTS OF-- THERE'S A TRADITION, FRANKLY, IN LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT AND ALSO IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THAT GOING INTO
9 THIS KIND OF IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICE. AND I THINK EVERYBODY
10 WOULD AGREE ON THAT. THIS IS NOT ABOUT THAT. AND IT'S, WELL,
11 WHAT THIS IS ABOUT IS THE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. AND THE LEVEL
12 PLAYING FIELD STARTS AT THE TOP, REALLY. PEOPLE HAVE AN IDEA
13 ABOUT WHAT'S FAIR AND HOW FAIR CAN BE ADMINISTERED. AND IN
14 THIS GROUP HERE AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE PROBLEMS THERE. BRINGING IN THE O.C.I.,
16 WHICH IS THE OFFICE OF COUNTY INVESTIGATIONS, IS, YOU KNOW,
17 THIS IS NOT AN AGGRESSIVE HUNTING GROUP. THEY DON'T FIND MUCH,
18 THEY DON'T DO MUCH. WE'VE SEEN NUMEROUS SCANDALS-- THIS IS
19 SORT OF THE DEFAULT PLAY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHEN THERE'S
20 A SMALL SCANDAL OR ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER, THIS GROUP DOES A
21 WHITEWASH. I CAN THINK OF SEVERAL EXAMPLES THAT I WON'T MUDDY
22 THE WATER WITH RIGHT NOW. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, THOUGH, IS
23 THAT WE ALL DO APPRECIATE THE HEROIC EFFORT OF THE FIRE
24 DEPARTMENT. THIS IS NOT ABOUT THAT. THIS IS NOT ABOUT 9/11.
25 THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE FOLKS WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE ON

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1 A REGULAR BASIS. THIS IS ABOUT THE WAY WE EMPLOY PEOPLE AND
2 THE WAY WE TREAT PEOPLE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS REGARDS
3 EMPLOYMENT. AND WE'VE SEEN IT ACROSS THE BOARD, THERE ARE
4 PROBLEMS HERE. THERE'S A DEFAULT POSITION TO SORT OF BENEFIT
5 PEOPLE. AND WE NEED TO FIX THAT. WE NEED TO FIX IT NOW. THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ARNOLD SACHS.
9 EQUITY OVERSIGHT, INTEGRITY COMING FROM THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS, I'M REALLY SURPRISED. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
11 CAUGHT MY EAR WAS THE FACT THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT A FIREFIGHTER
12 EXAM PROCESS. D.M.V. HAS AN EXAM PROCESS, ALSO AND EVERYBODY'S
13 ELIGIBLE FOR THAT EXAM. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN EVERYBODY GETS A
14 LICENSE. ALTHOUGH YOU NEVER KNOW WITH D.M.V. SO IT'S THE SAME
15 THING WITH THE FIRE FIGHTER EXAM PROCESS. THE EXAM PROCESS
16 COULD BE WHATEVER YOU WANT IT TO BE. THE BOTTOM LINE IS WHO
17 GETS HIRED? AND IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS'
18 DEPARTMENT, LIKE THEY HAD IN THE CITY OF L.A., WHY YOU
19 WOULDN'T INVESTIGATE THAT, YOU HAVE THE SAME SITUATION WITH
20 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND YOU HAD THE SAME SITUATION THE
21 OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I KNOW THAT WHEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS MOVED HIS MOTION TO HIRE VETS, AND SPEAKING OF HIRING
23 VETS, YOU HAD ALL THOSE POSITIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH A.B.109
24 FUNDING, SO THE FACT THAT YOU HIRED 120 VETS IN TWO YEARS OR
25 WHATEVER IT WAS, WHEN YOU'VE AUTHORIZED HIRING OVER 500 PEOPLE

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1 FOR THOSE TWO PROGRAMS IN A.B.109 REALLY DOESN'T SPEAK VOLUMES
2 FOR YOUR VET HIRING PROGRAM. BUT HE SPOKE ABOUT VETS AND I
3 KNOW I SPOKE ABOUT HIRING VETS-- AS A MATTER OF FACT, YOU HAD
4 A FAIR OUT HERE ON THE COUNTY PROPERTY, AND YOU HAD
5 DEPARTMENTS HIRING PEOPLE BUT NOTHING ABOUT VETS. EVEN THE
6 CITY OF L.A. GIVES PERSONAL POINTS FOR VETERANS STATUS FOR THE
7 DEPARTMENTS THEY WANT TO HIRE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DO, AS WELL.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DOES THE COUNTY?

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHERE'S THE STANDARD?

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HIDE IT FROM YOU.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHEN MR. FUJIOKA MENTIONED THE BUDGET. HE
20 MENTIONED THE COUNTY HAS 105,000 EMPLOYEES NOW. SO THAT MEANS
21 AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 4,000 EMPLOYEES. HOW MANY OF THEM
22 ARE VETS? HOW MANY OF THEM ARE NOT RELATIVES TO PEOPLE THAT
23 ARE ALREADY WORKING HERE? A PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YEAH. THANKS FOR
2 POINTING THAT OUT. S-3. OR S-2, I BELIEVE. S-2.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** S-2, AS HEALTH SERVICES IS COMING
5 UP, ON ITEM NO. 4, THERE WERE PREVIOUSLY SOME SPEAKERS ON IT
6 AND THEY SPOKE. BUT THIS ITEM NEEDS TO BE--

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **DR. MITCH KATZ:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, DR. MITCH
14 KATZ, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. I'M VERY
15 PROUD TO BRING YOU OUR FISCAL OUTLOOK FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.
16 WE'RE PROJECTING A SURPLUS OF OVER \$100 MILLION. WE'RE
17 PROJECTING A BALANCED BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. BUT THOSE
18 NUMBERS REALLY DON'T TELL THE FULL STORY BECAUSE YOU'LL
19 REMEMBER THE PLAN WAS TO PAY FOR THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD
20 BY BORROWING MONEY USING COMMERCIAL PAPER. THAT WAS THE
21 ASSUMPTION THAT WAS MADE. AND BECAUSE WE'VE DONE SO WELL ON
22 REVENUE, WE HAVE NOT BORROWED A PENNY FOR THE ELECTRONIC
23 HEALTH RECORDS DESPITE PLANNING TO BORROW OVER \$100 MILLION
24 EACH YEAR. SO I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT WHILE THERE ARE SOME
25 THINGS THAT ARE STILL SOFT IN TERMS OF PROJECTIONS FOR THE

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1 FOLLOWING YEAR, THEY'RE ALL SOFT IN A CONSERVATIVE DIRECTION.
2 SO IN EVERY CASE WHERE WE ARE PROJECTING A BALANCED BUDGET
3 BECAUSE OF CERTAIN UNCERTAINTIES, WE'VE MADE THE ASSUMPTION
4 THAT WE GET THE LEAST AMOUNT OF MONEY. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE
5 ASSUMING THAT THERE WILL BE A BREAK IN FUNDING UNDER THE
6 WAIVER EVEN THOUGH HISTORICALLY WHENEVER WE'VE GOTTEN A
7 WAIVER, IT'S BEEN RETRO TO THE END OF THE PREVIOUS WAIVER. SO
8 I FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT THESE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL BE VERY
9 GOOD FINANCIAL YEARS FOR US. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD JOB. ANY COMMENTS? WE HAVE TWO PUBLIC
12 SPEAKERS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISORS, CAN I MAKE ONE BRIEF
15 COMMENT?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** DR. KATZ, AND SO OUR AUDIENCE KNOW AND THE
20 CONSTITUENTS KNOW, SENT A REPORT TO YOU EARLIER IN THE WEEK
21 ABOUT THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH INFORMATION
22 SYSTEM AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. I CAN'T UNDERSTATE
23 WHAT AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT THAT IS. AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
24 WHO WORKED ON IT AT HARBOR AND DR. KATZ'S STAFF, THE WHOLE
25 D.H.S. DID A PHENOMENAL JOB BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN MAJOR

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1 INFORMATION SYSTEMS FAIL, THE FIRST IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
2 SYSTEMS. THE FACT THEY'RE ABLE TO BRING IT UP. HE WAS WORKING
3 CLINICS FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. HE KNOWS AT THE OPERATIONAL
4 LEVEL IT'S WORKING. THAT'S A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT. AND I WANTED
5 TO HIGHLIGHT THAT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. SACHS?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I GOT TO
14 TELL YOU, BASED ON WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT, DR. KATZ, HE'S A
15 HOUDINI. HE SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF FINANCING THE COUNTY. YOU
16 KNOW, IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, YOU LOST A \$300 MILLION A YEAR
17 FEDERAL PROGRAM TO RUN M.L.K. HOSPITAL. \$300 MILLION. THAT'S A
18 LOT OF BAND-AIDS. AND HE'S TURNED AROUND AND IN TWO YEARS AND
19 YOU HAVE \$100 MILLION BUDGET EXCESS. THAT'S A \$4 MILLION SWING
20 IN A BUDGETARY PROCESS. \$400 MILLION SWING IN A BUDGETARY
21 PROCESS. THAT AIN'T BAD. WHY DON'T YOU PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF
22 METRO? WHY DON'T YOU PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF THE AIRPORT? WHY
23 DON'T YOU PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF A PROJECT THAT REALLY NEEDS
24 SOME HELP? WHY DON'T YOU PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF THE BOARD? IF HE
25 CAN DO THAT KIND OF STUFF, WHERE YOU GO FROM 300 MILLION IN

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1 THE HOLE TO 100 MILLION IN THE BLUE, BLACK, WHATEVER, THAT'S
2 NOT BAD. CONGRATULATIONS, DR. KATZ. WRITE A BOOK SO WE CAN ALL
3 FIND OUT HOW YOU DID IT.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF IT'S IN ORDER, I'D LIKE
6 TO MAKE A MOTION, TO PUT DR. KATZ IN CHARGE OF ARNOLD SACHS.
7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOCTOR?

10

11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
12 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL AS USUAL I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
13 O.R.C.H.I.D. BECAUSE IT IS NOT WORKING WELL. AND, FRANKLY, I
14 WOULD LIKE TO SEE A COPY OF THE CONTRACT OF THE COUNTY WITH
15 O.R.C.H.I.D. BECAUSE APPARENTLY THIS COMPANY AND MANY OF THE
16 LARGE SOFTWARE COMPANIES HAVE A CLAUSE IN THEIR CONTRACT THAT
17 THE PERSON WHO PURCHASED THEIR SOFTWARE CANNOT PUBLISH OR MAKE
18 PEOPLE AWARE OF THE DEFICIENCY OF THOSE PROGRAMS. SO I WOULD
19 LIKE VERY MUCH TO SEE A COPY OF THE CONTRACT. AND THIS IS THE
20 FORMAL REQUEST. I DON'T HAVE TO PUT IT IN WRITING TO GET A
21 COPY OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN O.R.C.H.I.D. AND THE COUNTY. AND
22 I WANT TO KNOW THERE'S ANY OF THOSE STIPULATIONS. PERSONALLY,
23 I HAVE HEARD A LOT OF COMPLAINTS FROM EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE
24 SYSTEM, HOW COME IT'S NOT WORKING WELL? SO PLEASE PROVIDE ME
25 WITH THAT DOCUMENT. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. RECEIVE AND FILE?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** RECEIVE AND FILE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION,
7 SO ORDERED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, GO ON TO 1-D AND 3. WENDIE JOHNSTON,
10 BRUCE BLOMSTROM, DAVID GALAVIZ, AHMED ENANY WILL BE THE FIRST
11 FOUR. WE HAVE THREE OTHER SPEAKERS AFTER THAT. WE'LL HAVE FIVE
12 OTHER SPEAKERS.

13

14 **WENDIE JOHNSTON:** DR. WENDIE JOHNSTON, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF
15 THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CONSORTIUM OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
16 COLLEGES, A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BIOMEDICAL
17 COUNCIL AND THE LAB DIRECTOR OF PASADENA BIO SCIENCE
18 COLLABORATIVE WETLAND INCUBATOR, HOSTING 22 STARTUP COMPANIES,
19 I STRONGLY URGE THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THE
20 BATTELLE REPORT AND MOVE FORWARD RAPIDLY TO PRODUCE A PLAN FOR
21 A BROAD IMPLEMENTATION. IN 2016, THE INTERNATIONAL F.I.O.
22 CONFERENCE WILL BE MEETING IN CALIFORNIA, AND AS THE BATTELLE
23 REPORT INDICATES, WE HAVE A NATIONAL PRESENCE TO PROJECT. WE
24 OWE THIS TO OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS, TO OUR UNIVERSITIES AND TO

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1 OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS WHOM WE ARE TRAINING TO WORK IN THIS
2 GREAT INDUSTRY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **BRUCE BLOMSTROM:** I AM BRUCE BLOMSTROM, PRESIDENT OF THE
5 PASADENA BIO SCIENCE COLLABORATIVE. THIS IS AN INCUBATOR FOR
6 LIFE SCIENCE COMPANIES THAT CURRENTLY HAS 22 COMPANIES AND
7 IT'S STRUGGLING TO DEVELOP THEIR PRODUCTS. I'M ALSO A MEMBER
8 OF THE BOARD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BIOMEDICAL COUNCIL. I CAME
9 HERE TO URGE THE ADOPTION OF THE BATTELLE REPORT TO ENCOURAGE
10 THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MUCH LARGER BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY HERE
11 IN L.A. COUNTY. IN PARTICULAR I SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
12 FUND OF FUNDS TO STIMULATE INVESTMENTS IN BALANCING
13 BIOTECHNOLOGY FUNDS. FROM MY EXPERIENCE, THIS IS CRUCIAL TO
14 MAKING COMPANIES AND HELPING COMPANIES DEVELOP THEIR PRODUCTS
15 AND SO THEY CAN BECOME BOTH A WORKING ORGANIZATION THAT CAN
16 DEVELOP THEIR PRODUCTS AND THEN CAN BECOME MUCH LARGER. ALSO
17 SUPPORTING INCENTIVES FOR LIFE SCIENCE FIRMS TO LOCATE IN THE
18 L.A. COUNTY AREA. THEY SHOULD INCLUDE A COMBINATION OF TAX
19 ABATEMENT, LEGISLATION MINIMIZATION AND FINANCIAL GRANTS. ALL
20 THIS WILL ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF AN INDUSTRY WHICH HAS
21 ABOVE AVERAGE GROWTH AND A POTENTIAL FOR HIGH PAYING JOBS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, NEXT.

24

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1 **AHMED ENANY:** MY NAME IS AHMED ENANY. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
2 SOUTHERN BIOMEDICAL COUNCIL, FOR SHORT, SO CAL BIO. SO CAL BIO
3 IS A NONPROFIT TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING MEDICAL DEVICES
4 BIOTECH COMPANIES AND DIGITAL HEALTH COMPANIES THROUGHOUT THE
5 GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION. WE HAVE ABOUT 300 COMPANIES THAT
6 SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION. AND OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO KEEP
7 BUSINESSES HERE AND GROW IT. I'M GOING TO REITERATE SOME OF
8 THE POINTS MENTIONED BY MY COLLEAGUES. AND WE HAVE A GROUP
9 ACTUALLY WAITING TO SPEAK TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BATTELLE
10 PLAN AND IN SUPPORT OF THE READY MOTION. WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY
11 FOR COMMISSIONING THE BATTELLE PLAN WHICH SHOWS ECONOMIC
12 CONTRIBUTION OF THE INDUSTRY AND ITS POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH.
13 JUST TO MENTION A COUPLE OF FACTS, THE INDUSTRY GREW BY 6
14 PERCENT ADDING JOBS BY 6 PERCENT EVEN DURING THE RECESSIONARY
15 TIME, AT A TIME WHEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS LOSING JOBS. AND
16 THE INDUSTRY GENERATES MANY HIGH PAYING JOBS. THE AVERAGE WAGE
17 IN THE INDUSTRY IS TWICE THAT THE AVERAGE WAGE IN THE PRIVATE
18 SECTOR AS A WHOLE. THE BATTELLE PLAN IDENTIFIES SOME OF THE
19 BOTTLENECKS THAT WE NEED TO OVERCOME IN ORDER TO GROW THE
20 INDUSTRY. AND WE'RE THEREFORE IN AGREEMENT WITH IT AND WE ASK
21 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENDORSE IT. AND WE ASK THE
22 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALSO TO ENDORSE THE RIDLEY KNABE
23 MOTION BECAUSE IT CREATES THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS THAT OF
24 EXECUTION. AND WE'RE HERE WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP OFFERING OUR

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1 SERVICES IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PROCESS EASY AS POSSIBLE AND
2 SMOOTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR, BEFORE YOU PROCEED, I'D
5 ASK DAVID MEYER, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, AMEER FLIPPIN AND
6 DENISE DE MAN TO JOIN US?

7

8 **DAVID GALAVIZ:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
9 DAVID GALAVIZ, AND I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF OUR PRESIDENT,
10 [INAUDIBLE.] AND SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM TO STRONGLY SUPPORT
11 THE MOTION PUT FORWARD BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE. THIS MOTION IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO THE
13 COUNTY BUT TO ALL OTHER BIOTECH STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING THE
14 UNIVERSITY, OTHER REGIONAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, BUSINESSES
15 AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS BECAUSE IT FORCES ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO
16 BEGIN TO LOOK AT BIOTECH AS A-- BIOTECH ISSUES FROM A BROADER
17 REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE THAT FOCUSES ON REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE AND
18 INCREASED COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS WE
19 APPLAUD THE MOTION AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
20 INTRODUCING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL
21 STAKEHOLDERS ON DEVELOPING THE NEXT STEPS. AS THE TASKFORCE IS
22 DEVELOPED, WE HOPE THAT WE KEEP A BROAD VISION AND STRONGLY
23 CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL OF PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS TO JUMP
24 START THE BIOMED INDUSTRY AS A REGIONAL ECONOMIC CLUSTER FOR
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS THE LARGEST AND OLDEST RESEARCH

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1 UNIVERSITY ON THE WEST COAST AND ONE OF THE TOP PRIVATE
2 EMPLOYERS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE'RE ALSO WORKING ON
3 MANY BIOTECH ISSUES THAT WE FEEL CAN BENEFIT FROM A NEW
4 REGIONAL APPROACH. FIRST ON OCTOBER 23RD WE RECENTLY BROKE
5 GROUND ON THE NEW U.S.C. MICHELSON CENTER FOR CONVERGENT
6 BIOSCIENCE WHICH IS A \$50 MILLION GIFT THAT WILL LEVERAGE THE
7 UNIVERSITY'S NETWORKS SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS TO TACKLE
8 CHALLENGES IN HEALTH-RELATED FIELDS. THE GIFT WILL ALSO ALLOW
9 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW 190,000 SQUARE FOOT CENTER THAT
10 WILL WORK TO FAST-TRACK DISEASE DETECTION AND CURES. SECOND,
11 THE UNIVERSITY RECENTLY HIRED INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN
12 NEUROLOGIST ARTHUR TOGA, WHO DIRECTS THE INSTITUTE FOR
13 NEUROIMAGING AND INFOMATICS WHICH IS DEDICATED TO STUDYING THE
14 BRAIN AND LOOKING AT NEW BIOMED RESEARCH. FINALLY WE'RE IN THE
15 PROCESS OF WORKING WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO DO A LOT OF
16 DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS AND WE FEEL THAT
17 DEFINITELY FITS IN WITH THAT GOAL. AND IN CLOSING, WE LOOK
18 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND ALL THE IMPORTANT
19 STAKEHOLDERS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ISSUE. AND
20 AGAIN, FOR US THE KEY THIS IS REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT. THANK
21 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

24

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1 **DAVID MEYER:** I'M DAVID MEYER. I AM THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF
2 L.A. BIOMED. AND CHAIRMAN KNABE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING. I SPOKE TO THE NEED OF PROMOTING
4 BIOSCIENCE AND BIOTECH IN L.A. COUNTY BACK IN FEBRUARY OF
5 2011, BUT I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE NEED HAS ONLY INCREASED.
6 THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIMILLION DOLLAR N.I.H. GRANTS THAT HAVE
7 RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED TO CAL STATE LONG BEACH AND CAL STATE
8 NORTHRIDGE TO PROMOTE THE TRAINING OF A FUTURE WORKFORCE IN
9 BIOTECHNOLOGY. IN A MOTION PUT FORWARD BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA
10 RECENTLY, THE BOARD SAW FIT TO AWARD A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF
11 FUNDING TO CAL STATE L.A., ALSO TO PROVIDE BIOTECHNOLOGY AND A
12 FUTURE WORKFORCE. BUT WHAT'S THE POTENTIAL OUTCOME OF ALL OF
13 THIS SPENDING? I SEE IT AS THE WORKFORCE TRAINED IN L.A.
14 COUNTY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WILL HEAD OUT TO WHERE THE
15 JOBS ARE: THE BAY AREA, LA JOLLA, CAMBRIDGE AND ALL THE OTHER
16 HOT SPOTS THAT WERE SO THOROUGHLY CATALOGED IN THE BATTELLE
17 REPORT. THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE YOU TODAY REPRESENTS THE
18 FIRST STEP IN PUTTING TOGETHER A GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS THAT
19 CAN CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE AND STEM THE FLOW OF L.A. COUNTY
20 TRAINED BIOTECHNOLOGISTS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE, THE
21 NATION AND EVEN OFF SHORE. L.A. COUNTY IS BLESSED WITH A
22 NUMBER OF FIRST RATE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND
23 THE COUNTY HOSPITAL SYSTEM IS HOME TO SOME OF THE BEST
24 ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY. DISCOVERIES,
25 BREAKTHROUGHS AND INNOVATIONS ARE COMING OUT FROM THESE

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1 LOCATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS. AND AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF THEM
2 ARE BEING COMMERCIALIZED AND FURTHER DEVELOPED IN L.A. COUNTY.
3 TWO FINDINGS OF THE BATTELLE REPORT ARE WORTH NOTING. L.A.
4 COUNTY ALREADY HAS A SUBSTANTIAL CAPACITY FOR ADVANCING
5 INNOVATION AND L.A. COUNTY LACKS THE ORGANIZATION AND
6 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TAKING IT TO THE LEVEL OF LA JOLLA OR
7 CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS. SO IN CONCLUSION, THE NEXT STEP IS
8 CLEAR. THE RECOMMENDATION IS BEFORE YOU. AND WHAT IT WILL DO
9 IS ENABLE A WORKING GROUP TO BE PUT TOGETHER TO ACTUALLY
10 CONSOLIDATE WHAT'S GOING ON IN L.A. COUNTY TO KEEP THE JOBS
11 HERE, TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF L.A. COUNTY'S ECONOMY. THANK
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

15

16 **DENISE DE MAN:** GOOD MORNING. I'M DEEDEE DE MAN AND I AM THE
17 FOUNDING CHAIRMAN AND OF C.E.O. OF BENCH INTERNATIONAL. BENCH
18 INTERNATIONAL WAS FOUNDED BY ME IN 1974 HERE IN LOS ANGELES.
19 WHAT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY IS THAT I HAPPEN TO ALSO BE THE FOURTH
20 GENERATION WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS IN LOS ANGELES WITH MY GREAT
21 GRANDMOTHER HAVING ACTUALLY STARTED HER FIRST BUSINESS HERE IN
22 THE LATE 1800S. OUR COMPANY IS DEVOTED ON A GLOBAL BASIS TO
23 LIFE SCIENCE SUPPORTING OF THE BIOTECHNOLOGY, BIOMEDICAL
24 INDUSTRY AND ENSURING THAT WE HAVE THE INNOVATIVE SCIENTIFIC
25 LEADERS AS WELL AS THE CORPORATE LEADERS WHO WILL, IN FACT,

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1 DRAW THROUGH THE SCIENCE THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE NEXT
2 GENERATION. UNFORTUNATELY, ALTHOUGH WE WORK IN EVERY MAJOR HUB
3 IN THE WORLD, HERE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN
4 CALIFORNIA, EAST COAST, EUROPE, AND ASIA, L.A. IS SORELY
5 LACKING. IT IS, IN MY ESTIMATION, AT LEAST, TWO DECADES BEHIND
6 THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT I WORK IN. AND YET, SADLY, WE HAVE
7 AN INCREDIBLE SOURCE OF BRAIN CAPITAL AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM
8 THESE OTHER PEOPLE RIGHT HERE. IT JUST NEEDS CONSISTENT
9 SUPPORT FROM ALL OF YOU. AS A SIDE NOTE, THE PERSON YOU'RE
10 LOOK BEING AT RIGHT NOW IS ALSO A PATIENT. I AM THE VERY FIRST
11 EVER PARTIAL LEG TRANSPLANT PATIENT. AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THE
12 KIND OF SCIENTIFIC INNOVATION THAT IS BEING DONE AROUND THE
13 WORLD THAT I'M ABLE TO WALK. I WAS ONLY GOING TO BE IN A
14 WHEELCHAIR. AND WHEN YOU SEE ME WALK AWAY TODAY, YOU'LL SEE ME
15 WALKING IN 5-INCH HEELS. THAT'S THE KIND OF INNOVATION THAT WE
16 ALSO HAVE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE IT SPECIFICALLY
17 IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT WE'RE NOT EXERCISING IT TO ITS FULLEST AND
18 WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. AND I THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK ANDREW NORRIS TO
21 JOIN US? THANK YOU. JENNIFER NEFF? AND DWAIN MORRIS-IRVIN?

22
23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
24 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN
25 BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. I WAS THE PERSON WHO HAD

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1 PROFESSOR MONTAGNIER AND DR. GALLO FINALLY TALK TO EACH OTHER
2 AND ACTUALLY FOR EIGHT YEARS, NEVER MET WITHOUT ME. IN ORDER
3 TO BRING TOP SCIENTISTS TO ANYWHERE, YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE
4 THAT THE GROUND IS VERY FAVORABLE. I THINK L.A. COUNTY IS A
5 GOOD PLACE. IT MIGHT SEEM TRIVIAL, BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE DIRECT
6 FLIGHTS FROM L.A. TO MANY PLACES, THAT'S VERY ATTRACTIVE TO A
7 SCIENTIST. I KNOW. I TRIED TO BRING SCIENTISTS TO SEATTLE, AND
8 WE JUST COULD NOT GET THEM, BECAUSE THEY HAD TO CHANGE TOO
9 MANY PLANES TO COME FROM OVERSEAS. THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST
10 ABOUT L.A. COUNTY. AND ACTUALLY I PERSONALLY KNOW SOME TOP
11 SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE JUST IDENTIFIED TESTS TO TEST FOR
12 ALZHEIMER DISEASE AND SO ON AND WHO HAVE GRANT FROM D.A.P.A.,
13 U.C.A.P.A., AND SO ON. SO I WOULD TOTALLY ENCOURAGE THAT
14 PROJECT. BUT IF YOU HAVE TOO MANY COOKS THINGS DON'T WORK VERY
15 WELL. AND I THINK SCIENTISTS ARE A BREED OF PEOPLE WHO, THE
16 MONEY DON'T MAKE THE SCIENCE. YOU HAVE TO HAVE PEOPLE WHO CAN
17 WORK TOGETHER, AND WELL TOGETHER. AND I THINK THE BEST EXAMPLE
18 IN THE WORLD IS C.E.R.N. IN SWITZERLAND WHO HAVE WORKED VERY,
19 VERY WELL BECAUSE THEY HAVE ROTATING PRESIDENT OF THE GROUP.
20 AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE SOMETHING MORE ON THOSE LINES WHERE
21 PEOPLE CAN BE ATTRACTED FROM DIFFERENT AREAS AND DO IT. SO
22 THAT'S-- I'M TOTALLY IN FAVOR. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THE
23 BATTELL REPORT. I HAVE NOT SEEN IT. AND MYSELF I USED TO BE A
24 CONSULTANT FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA ON BIOTECH, SO I KNOW
25 QUITE A BIT ABOUT IT. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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4 **AMEER FLIPPIN:** YES. AMEER FLIPPIN FOR THE L.A. CO-OP. THIS
5 AGENDA ITEM IS A PRIME EXAMPLE HOW THE BOARD COULD TOTALLY
6 COLLAPSE AND TURN THINGS FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO THE
7 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT IS A PRIME
8 EXAMPLE OF AN ANCHOR INSTITUTION PROJECT. YOU GUYS ARE RISKING
9 HUGE AMOUNTS OF CAPITAL AS A FORMER INVESTMENT ADVISER AND
10 STOCKBROKER, THE COUNTY IS INFUSING PUBLIC DOLLARS INTO A LONG
11 TERM BIOMEDICAL PROJECT. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO CARVE
12 OFF HALF OF 1 PERCENT FOR THAT PERSON WHO'S IN A GRASSROOTS
13 LEVEL AND TO PARK SOME MONEY IN AN EQUITY POSITION AS OPPOSED
14 TO FORWARD LOOKING 10, 20 YEARS OUT ON A BIOMEDICAL STOCK THAT
15 MAY OR MAY NOT PERFORM FOR SOME VERY WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS WHO
16 ARE GENERATING NEW PRODUCTS. JUST LOOKING AT SOME BALLPARK
17 FIGURES, \$26 MILLION BUDGET, ONE TENTH OF 1 PERCENT PUTS US AT
18 \$26 MILLION. \$26 MILLION PARKED WITH SOME TYPE OF COOPERATIVE
19 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GENERATES A HUGE AMOUNT OF WEALTH
20 AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IN TERMS OF A WORKER CO-OP. WORKER CO-OP,
21 SOMEONE PARTICIPATING IN WORKER CO-OP HAS THE ABILITY TO ALSO
22 PARTICIPATING IN A HOUSING CO-OP AND A FOOD CO-OP AND SUDDENLY
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CREATES A 2 TO 3 MULTIPLE ON INITIAL
24 FUNDS THAT ARE ALLOCATED FOR A PROJECT IN A PARTICULAR YEAR AS
25 OPPOSED TO ALLOCATING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, OR NOT OPPOSING IT

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1 BUT YOU'RE SORT OF HEDGING YOUR BETS. YOU ARE ADDING AN OPTION
2 TO STIMULATE THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE WHERE
3 YOU CAN IMPLEMENT THE CLEVELAND MODEL OF BUILDING, OF PLACING
4 COOPERATIVES IN YOUR ANCHOR INSTITUTION PROJECT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

7

8 **JENNIFER NEFF:** HI, MY NAME IS JENNIFER NEFF, AND I'M THE
9 C.E.O. OF EL VIVO VASCULAR. WE'RE AN EARLY STAGE LIFE SCIENCE
10 COMPANY THAT DEVELOPS TECHNOLOGIES FOR IMPROVING THE SAFETY
11 AND FUNCTION OF MEDICAL DEVICES AND REDUCING INFECTIONS. SO
12 I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN
13 CALIFORNIA BIOMEDICAL COUNCIL AND PROVIDE MY SUPPORT FOR THIS
14 MOTION THAT I BELIEVE WILL CREATE A PATH FOR EXECUTION OF THE
15 BATTELL PLAN. I THINK THIS PLAN IS VERY TIMELY. AND IT WILL
16 ALLOW US TO BETTER UTILIZE AND REALLY CAPITALIZE ON OUR
17 EXISTING FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL AND EXPERTISE IN THE LIFE
18 SCIENCES, TO STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY AND IMPROVE OUR
19 QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH BRINGING BETTER JOBS HERE. AS A
20 CONSTITUENT OF ORANGE COUNTY, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REQUEST
21 THAT THE SUPERVISORS CONSIDER INCORPORATING A LARGER AREA
22 BEYOND JUST L.A. COUNTY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN. AND,
23 FINALLY, I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING
24 THIS MOTION FORWARD. AND IN MY SUPPORT FOR THE SO CAL BIO, I

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1 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO CREATING A PLAN FOR
2 IMPLEMENTING THE BATTELL PLAN. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. COMING DOWN. NEXT?

5

6 **ANDREW NORRIS:** MY NAME IS DR. ANDREW NORRIS AND I'M ONE OF THE
7 FOUNDERS OF THE B.C.M. BIOSCIENCES WE'RE DEVELOPING LIFESAVING
8 DRUGS IN THE CANCER SPACE. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY VERY BRIEFLY
9 I'M IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE, AND I THINK TWO REASONS THAT
10 MATTER TO YOU ALL: JOBS AND TAXES. TAX REVENUE. SO DURING THE
11 CLINTON ADMINISTRATION, A LOT OF LOCAL AND CITY OFFICIALS GOT
12 TOGETHER AND A SEAT DOWN THE STREET IN SAN DIEGO FOR THE
13 BIOTECH INDUSTRY. THEY RESPONDED. ALSO IN SAN FRANCISCO, THEY
14 RESPONDED, THEY'RE A MAJOR, MAJOR MULTIBILLION DOLLAR
15 INDUSTRIES IN THOSE REGIONS AND IT WAS PROMOTED BY THE CITY
16 GOVERNMENTS. SO YOU WANT TAX REVENUE AND YOU WANT JOBS? IT'S
17 ONE OF THE BEST INDUSTRIES TO PROMOTE THAT. AND THE SECOND
18 REASON IS, YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST DENSITY OF
19 ENTREPRENEURIAL VENTURES IN THE NATION, HERE IN LOS ANGELES
20 AND IN CALIFORNIA. SO WHAT WE NEED IS A CONDITION, A CONDITION
21 FOR THESE INSTITUTIONS TO THRIVE. SO I'M REQUESTING THAT YOU
22 PASS THIS. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU, NEXT?

25

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1 **DWAIN MORRIS-IRVIN:** HI, MY NAME IS DR. DWAIN MORRIS-IRVIN. I
2 AM THE CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER FOR AN EMERGING
3 COMPANY CALLED STEM BACKS. IT TAKES TECHNOLOGY OUT OF CEDARS-
4 SINAI MEDICAL CENTER WHICH IS WHERE I'VE BEEN ON FACULTY FOR
5 OVER EIGHT YEARS. I DID MY TRAINING AT U.C.L.A., MEDICAL
6 TRAINING AT U.C.L.A. OUR COMPANY'S A BIO- PHARMACEUTICAL
7 COMPANY DEVELOPING NOVEL THERAPIES FOR BRAIN TUMOR PATIENTS AS
8 WELL AS PARKINSON'S DISEASE. WE MAKE USE OF STEM CELL BIOLOGY,
9 NANOTECHNOLOGY AND IMMUNOTHERAPY. THESE ARE CUTTING-EDGE
10 THERAPEUTICS THAT ARE BEING DEVELOPED TODAY. WE ARE CURRENTLY
11 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WE'RE A STRONG SUPPORT OF THE
12 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KNABE MOTION AS WELL AS THE BATTELLE
13 PLAN BECAUSE IT ALLOWS FOR STARTUP COMPANIES LIKE STEM BACKS
14 TO THRIVE AND GROW, PROVIDE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE
15 IMPORTANTLY DEVELOP NOVEL THERAPIES FOR THESE HORRIBLE
16 DISEASES THAT EXIST TODAY. I'M ALSO HERE REPRESENTING SO CAL
17 BIOMEDICAL COUNCIL. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO ADD THAT OUR
18 ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, U.C.L.A., U.S.C., CAL TECH, WE
19 DEVELOPED A VARIETY OF NOVEL TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE KNOWN
20 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; HOWEVER, THEY THEMSELVES, THE ACADEMIC
21 INSTITUTIONS CANNOT SUPPORT OR PROVIDE ALL THE RESOURCES
22 NECESSARY TO SEE THESE TECHNOLOGIES MAKE IT TO PATIENTS. AND
23 WE DESPERATELY NEED TO HAVE THE COUNTY AS WELL AS THE CITY
24 PROVIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
25 NECESSARY TO HELP TAKE THESE TECHNOLOGIES TO THE PATIENT'S BED

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1 AND TO THE CLINIC. LOS ANGELES IS A FANTASTIC CITY TO BRING
2 INTELLECTUAL INDIVIDUALS HERE TO HELP BRING THESE TECHNOLOGIES
3 TO SURFACE THROUGH OUR COMPANIES. AND WE THINK THAT IF THERE'S
4 CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION, WE
5 CAN SEE MORE GROWTH IN THIS BIOTECH COMMUNITY. SO WE STRONGLY
6 SUPPORT THE BATTELLE PLAN AND ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF MARK
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND DON KNABE FOR THEIR MOTION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS
10 WILL BE OUR LAST TWO SPEAKERS. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US
11 HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST SAY THIS IS A VERY POSITIVE MOTION. IT
14 WILL COMPLIMENT BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ON
15 THIS. AND THIS IS DEALING WITH 21ST CENTURY MEDICAL
16 ADVANCEMENTS THAT WILL HELP THE ENTIRE, NOT JUST THE COUNTY,
17 BUT THE ENTIRE WORLD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
21 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND
2 TESTIFYING. APPRECIATE IT.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THAT'S ALSO ON THE RELATED ITEM
5 NO. 3. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO TO
8 ITEM NO. 20. SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS HOLDING ITEM NO. 20.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AS WE START THIS PRESENTATION, WE HAVE MICHAEL
11 GOVAN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM, OF L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF
12 ART WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A BRIEF PRESENTATION.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

15

16 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** THANK YOU. CAN I BEGIN? THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
17 AND CHAIR KNABE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS MOLINA, RIDLEY-THOMAS,
18 ANTONOVICH AND YAROSLAVSKY. YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WE VALUE THE
19 PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE THROUGH MUSEUM ASSOCIATES AND THE BOARD OF
20 TRUSTEES WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND HOW HARD WE WORK TO
21 CREATE CULTURAL VALUE AND EDUCATION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
22 THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE WE WERE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBLE NEW
23 DESIGN FOR OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART AND THE
24 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS WITH THE LA BREA TAR PITS AND THE NATURAL
25 HISTORY MUSEUM. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH

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1 THE MUSEUM, THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TO RESOLVE THAT IN A
2 WIN/WIN SOLUTION. THAT WIN/WIN SOLUTION MEANS THAT WE WILL
3 TAKE 100,000 SQUARE FEET OF THE BUILDING PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF
4 HANCOCK PARK ONTO MUSEUM ASSOCIATES' PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH
5 SIDE OF WILSHIRE THAT WILL CREATE A GREATER LANDMARK. WE'LL
6 HAVE LOW IMPACT ON THAT PROPERTY BECAUSE THAT PROPERTY WON'T
7 BE USED COMMERCIALY, THEN. AND THAT GOT A UNANIMOUS
8 ENDORSEMENT FROM THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, WHICH WE WERE
9 VERY EXCITED ABOUT. AT THE LAST MEETING ALSO, SUPERVISOR
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID: "DON'T COME BACK HERE WITHOUT PICTURES
11 NEXT TIME." SO I'M HERE WITH PICTURES FOR YOU IF YOU'LL
12 INDULGE A FEW MINUTES OF IMAGES. TODAY WE'RE HERE TO DISCUSS
13 ANOTHER POTENTIAL WIN/WIN. WE'VE WORKED FOR A YEAR TO CREATE A
14 VIABLE PLAN TO REPLACE THE AGING AND AILING COUNTY BUILDINGS
15 IN A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH MINIMUM BUT CORNERSTONE
16 COUNTY SUPPORT COMBINED WITH A LARGE PRIVATE FUNDRAISING
17 CAMPAIGN FOR MUSEUM ASSOCIATES. THAT'S A ROADMAP FOR A
18 FINANCIAL PLAN THAT'S \$125 MILLION OF COUNTY SUPPORT MATCHED
19 BY \$475 MILLION OF PRIVATE SUPPORT. AND I THINK THAT MUST BE
20 ONE OF THE LARGEST AMOUNTS OF PRIVATE SUPPORT EVER GIVEN TO A
21 COUNTY FACILITY. IF WE APPROVE THAT ROADMAP, WE CAN GET THIS
22 BUILDING OPEN BEFORE THE SUBWAY IN 2023. AND WE'RE VERY
23 EXCITED ABOUT THAT. I THINK AS YOU KNOW, THE 1965 BUILDINGS
24 ARE REALLY AILING. THEY ARE NOT WORTH SAVING. THEY ARE ALREADY
25 COMPROMISED BY MANY CHANGES TO THEM OVER THE YEARS. THESE

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1 NEWER BUILDINGS WILL BE ENERGY EFFICIENT AND MUCH MORE
2 ACCESSIBLE TO A BROAD PUBLIC. AS YOU KNOW, I THINK IT WOULD
3 TAKE ESTIMATES BETWEEN \$260 AND OVER \$300 MILLION JUST TO
4 BRING THOSE OLD BUILDINGS TO CODE AND MAKE THEM SAFE FOR OUR
5 PUBLIC. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT IN 2001 THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO
6 REPLACE THOSE BUILDINGS WHICH FAILED. AND I PROPOSED A
7 DIFFERENT ROADMAP WHICH WAS WALK BEFORE YOU RUN. WE HAVE
8 PROVEN GROWTH. YOU SEE HERE IMAGES OF THE BUILDING AT NIGHT
9 SWEEPING OVER WILSHIRE AND PROVIDING A GREAT LANDMARK IMAGE
10 FOR LOS ANGELES ON WILSHIRE BOULEVARD. WE HAVE IN THE LAST
11 SEVEN YEARS SEEN UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH AT L.A.C.M.A. THE CAMPUS
12 HAS DOUBLED THANKS TO MUSEUM ASSOCIATES' ANNEXATION OF AN
13 ENTIRE CITY BLOCK. WE HAVE DOUBLED OUR EXHIBITIONS. WE HAVE
14 DOUBLED OUR ATTENDANCE TO OVER 1.2 MILLION. AND WE HAVE
15 CREATED FOR LOS ANGELES A GREAT MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTION FOR
16 A MULTICULTURAL COUNTY. I THINK MANY OF YOU ASKED ABOUT WHAT
17 WOULD HAPPEN IF THE BUILDINGS WERE CLOSED, I WANT YOU TO KNOW
18 THAT AS WE REPLACE THE OLDER FACILITIES, 100,000 SQUARE FEET
19 OF NEW BUILDINGS WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC. THAT'S STILL
20 THE LARGEST ART MUSEUM IN CALIFORNIA. AND THAT MEANS THAT WE
21 WILL NEVER REALLY BE CLOSED THROUGHOUT THIS CONSTRUCTION
22 PROJECT WHICH IS REALLY EXCITING. AND JUST A FEW PICTURES AND
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I RESPONDED AS REQUESTED. COME VISIT
24 L.A.C.M.A. THIS IS THE REZNICK PAVILION AND JAPANESE SAMURAI
25 ARMOR THAT'S ON VIEW. WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE EXPRESSION OF

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1 GERMAN EXPRESSIONIST CINEMA. I THINK YOU KNOW WE TOOK
2 QUESTIONS ABOUT CINEMA AND L.A.C.M.A AND TURNED THAT AROUND
3 INTO THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY GROWTH OF THE RECOGNITION OF
4 CINEMA AS ART ANYWHERE. AND THERE'S A NEW CINEMA MUSEUM BEING
5 BUILT. AND ONE OF MY FAVORITE SHOWS ON VIEW RIGHT NOW IS THE
6 AFRICAN COSMOS, WHICH YOU SHOULD ALSO COME SEE. SO PLEASE
7 VISIT, BOTH PUBLIC AND SUPERVISORS AND STAFF. WHAT IS A
8 BUILDING? A BUILDING IS SIMPLY THE FRAME FOR ART. THE ISSUE IS
9 THE ART. THE ISSUE IS THE ART FOR THE PUBLIC. AND WE HAVE
10 INCREDIBLE COLLECTIONS. YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE CUSTODIANS FOR
11 110,000 OBJECTS FROM MANY, MANY CULTURES. AND WE HAVE RECENTLY
12 ADDED 20,000 OBJECTS TO OUR COLLECTIONS, ESPECIALLY IN LATIN
13 AMERICA AND ASIAN ART. WE'VE CREATED A NEW INITIATIVE FOR
14 AFRICAN ART. AND JUST TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE HISTORY, THIS IS
15 DIEGO RIVERA FLOWER DAY, ONE OF THE MOST REQUESTED IMAGES.
16 THIS WAS BOUGHT BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 1925 WHEN IT WAS NEW.
17 CONTEMPORARY ART. IT IS REQUESTED WORLDWIDE AND STANDS AS AN
18 EMBLEM AND A LEADERSHIP OBJECT FOR OUR-- WHAT IS REALLY SOME
19 OF THE BEST COLLECTIONS OF LATIN AMERICAN ART IN THE NATION
20 FROM PRECOLUMBIAN TO MODERN. YOU CAN SEE THEM AT L.A.C.M.A.
21 THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL IMAGE THAT'S OFTEN REQUESTED. ANOTHER MOST
22 REQUESTED IMAGES YOU MAY HAVE SEEN IN BILLBOARDS ACROSS THE
23 SUMMER, COTTON PICKERS. WINSLOW HOMER. REMEMBER, WE ARE ABOUT
24 TEACHING NOT JUST ART HISTORY BUT HISTORY. THESE IMAGES ARE
25 WITNESSES TO HISTORY. AND THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF ANOTHER

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1 MOST REQUESTED IMAGE. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT FOUNDING L.A.C.M.A.
2 WERE IMPORTANT FAMILIES. THIS IS A WORK FROM THE AHMANSON
3 COLLECTION, ONE OF THE GREATEST WORKS OF ART IN THE
4 COLLECTION, 17TH CENTURY THAT WAS FEATURED IN OUR CARAVAGGIO
5 SHOW. MAGDALENE WITH THE SMOKING FLAME, GEORGE DE LA TOUR.
6 IT'S EXCEPTIONALLY BEAUTIFUL. OR THIS WORK OF 17TH CENTURY
7 DUTCH ART FROM THE CARTER COLLECTION, THE AHMANSON AND THE
8 CARTER COLLECTIONS FOUNDED L.A.C.M.A. IN '65. ALL THESE
9 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF IMPORTANT ART ARE IN AILING BUILDINGS
10 RIGHT NOW. OUR REAL ASSETS ARE THE ART WORKS. I WANT TO SAY
11 THAT OUR COLLECTIONS GO THROUGH-- AND I SHOULD SAY THIS WORK
12 IS IN GALLERIES WHERE SKYLIGHTS WERE FALLING IN JUST ABOUT TWO
13 MONTHS AGO AND WE HAD TO MAKE EMERGENCY REPAIRS. WE HAVE ICONS
14 OF MODERN ART LIKE RENE MAGRITTE'S FAMOUS, THIS IS NOT A PIPE,
15 IT'S A PAINTING, OF COURSE. PICASSO, RECENTLY GIFTED FROM THE
16 LAZAROV FOUNDATION EIGHT YEARS AGO OR THANKS TO WALLIS
17 ANNENBERG, THE BEST COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN PRIVATE HANDS
18 HAS COME TO L.A.C.M.A. REMEMBER, WE HAVE PRINTS, DRAWINGS,
19 TEXTILES AND PHOTOGRAPHY. AND HOW ABOUT OUR OWN? ED ROCHE.. WE
20 HAVE THE BEST. WE ARE CUSTODIANS OF THE BEST COLLECTION OF LOS
21 ANGELES ART AND NOT JUST PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS BUT ALSO
22 CALIFORNIA DESIGN, WHICH WE SHOWED VERY RECENTLY IN A HUGE
23 EXHIBITION TO OVER 450,000 PEOPLE TO SEE CALIFORNIA DESIGN AT
24 L.A.C.M.A. AND THAT SHOW TRAVELED AROUND THE WORLD AND IS
25 ACTUALLY, I THINK, JUST IN AUSTRALIA. AND REMEMBER OUR

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1 COLLECTION SPANNED THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS IS FROM WILLIAM
2 RANDOLPH HEARST, A GIFT IN OUR MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT. INDIA
3 AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. THIS IS THE GREAT SHIVA, WHICH YOU CAN SEE
4 AT L.A.C.M.A., ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE WORLD. A HISTORIC TANG
5 BUDDHA, CHINESE MIDDLE CIRCA 700 TO 800 A.D. OR THIS BEAUTIFUL
6 MOON JAR. WE DO HAVE THE BEST COLLECTIONS OF KOREAN ART
7 OUTSIDE OF KOREA. WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE L.A.C.M.A. A
8 MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTION. I THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ONCE
9 SAID WALKING THROUGH OUR PLAZA THAT WE HAVE CREATED THE TOWN
10 SQUARE FOR LOS ANGELES. YOU CAN COME ON FRIDAY NIGHTS IN THE
11 SUMMER WITH THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO SEE JAZZ CONCERTS. WE
12 HAVE LATIN SOUNDS ON THE WEEKENDS. WE ARE REALLY BUILDING A
13 CENTER, A CENTER, NOT "THE" CENTER BUT "A" CENTER FOR THIS
14 GREAT METROPOLIS AND THIS GREAT COUNTY. AND I WANT YOU TO
15 REMEMBER-- I AM WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS-- I WANT YOU TO
16 REMEMBER WHO WE'RE BUILDING THIS MUSEUM FOR: THE NEXT
17 GENERATION. I THINK YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR PROGRAM. WE HAVE A
18 PROGRAM BY WHICH KIDS UNDER 17 CAN JOIN FOR FREE AND BRING
19 ADULTS FOR FREE. YOU CAN SEE THEM AT L.A.C.M.A. DRAGGING
20 ADULTS AROUND L.A.C.M.A. WE HAVE 140,000 OF THOSE NEXT GEN
21 MEMBERS. WE BROUGHT PROGRAMS TO 65,000 STUDENTS IN 800 SCHOOLS
22 OUTSIDE OF L.A.C.M.A. AND OVER 74,000 SCHOOL KIDS IN A YEAR
23 WITH GUIDED TOURS. 40 PERCENT OF THE VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM
24 GET IN FOR FREE. WE THINK WE ARE A GREAT RESOURCE FOR LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE VERY PROUD TO BE HERE AND TO WORK VERY

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1 HARD TO CREATE THIS PRIVATE MATCH. THIS IS THE ISSUE. PRIVATE
2 MONEY. PRIVATE MATCH. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT WE ARE HAVING
3 TROUBLE ATTRACTING COLLECTIONS TO STAY IN LOS ANGELES AND COME
4 TO LOS ANGELES WITHOUT PROPER FACILITIES BECAUSE COLLECTORS
5 KNOW WE NEED PROPER FACILITIES. SO I THANK YOU FOR INDULGING A
6 FEW PICTURES. AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
7 SPECIFICS OF THE FINANCIAL ROADMAP AND WHY L.A.C.M.A. IS
8 CAPABLE OF MATCHING THE COUNTY 3:1 TO CREATE THIS NEW
9 FACILITY, NEW COUNTY FACILITY.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT WHAT DR. KATZ HAS DONE
14 FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH THE LEADERSHIP AND
15 RESPONSIBILITY, MICHAEL GOVAN HAS REALLY ENERGIZED OUR MUSEUM
16 AND IS A PERSON WHO HAS A VISION AND LET'S SAY THE WORK ETHIC
17 TO ENGAGE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY IS SO VAST
18 AND WE REPRESENT EVERY NATION OF THE WORLD. AND DOING IT
19 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY WITH A TOP PRODUCT AND AGAIN I WISH
20 OUR OTHER MUSEUMS WOULD FOLLOW THIS GREAT EXAMPLE. HARD WORK
21 AND THE PRODUCT THAT YOU HAVE DEVELOPED AND WE WILL BE
22 IMPLEMENTING IS A CREDIT TO YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND I REALLY
23 APPRECIATE THAT.

24

25 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME JOIN, AS WELL, IN THANKING MICHAEL GOVAN
5 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP. I FINALLY STARTED MEETING WITH
6 ANDREW RICH AND TALKED ABOUT OPENING UP THE MUSEUM SO THAT IT
7 WOULD HAVE THE APPRECIATION OF ALL THE BEAUTY AND ALL IT
8 OFFERS, THERE WAS-- IT STARTED OPENING SOMEWHAT. BUT YOU HAVE
9 REALLY THROWN THE DOORS WIDE OPEN. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
10 WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE. THE OPPORTUNITY PARTICULARLY WITH THE
11 NEXT GENERATION PROGRAM THAT YOU'RE USING ABOUT BRINGING ART
12 AND ART OPPORTUNITIES INTO OUR COMMUNITIES IS VERY, VERY
13 EXCITING FOR ALL OF US. WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO MICHAEL GOVAN
14 FOR AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WE MIGHT HAVE INTO THE EAST SIDE AS
15 THEY LOOK AT STORAGE AND SO MANY OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PUT
16 AWAY THAT YOU CAN'T SEE EVERY SINGLE DAY TO EXPAND THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MANY OF THOSE ITEMS THAT WOULD BE AT LEAST
18 VISUALLY AVAILABLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES IS SOMETHING VERY
19 EXCITING AND INCORPORATING THEM WITH ART PROGRAMMING FOR OUR
20 FAMILIES. WE HAD PUT IN THE POTENTIAL OF THE ALCAZAR YARDS
21 WOULD BE A GREAT LOCATION ACROSS FROM THE LINCOLN HEIGHTS PARK
22 AND WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING ON THAT. I WON'T BE HERE
23 THERE TO SEE THAT ALL POTENTIALLY HAPPEN, BUT IT'S THE
24 BEGINNING WORKINGS OF TRYING TO REALLY BUST OPEN THOSE DOORS.
25 THERE IS SO MUCH THAT IS AVAILABLE. AND THE COUNTY HAS BEEN

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1 VERY GENEROUS IN ITS SUPPORT ALONG THE WAY, AND SO HAVE ALL OF
2 THE DIRECTORS THAT MAKE UNBELIEVABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. BUT WE
3 HAVE SO MUCH MORE THAT WE CAN BE DOING. I THINK A LOT OF IT IS
4 OPENING TO UP THE DIVERSIFIED COMMUNITIES OF L.A. COUNTY AND
5 PARTICULARLY THE CHILDREN AND MANY PEOPLE WHO CAN'T TRAVEL OUT
6 TO WILSHIRE AND SEE THE MUSEUM, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT
7 THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW ALL THE BEAUTIFUL
8 ART WORKS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT EVERYONE HAS MADE ALONG
9 THE WAY. SO WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO EVENTUALLY HAVING A REAL
10 OPPORTUNITY. I KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE WORKING WITH THE C.A.O. AND
11 TRYING TO FIND THOSE WAYS TO MAKE THAT WORK AND WE'RE ALL VERY
12 EXCITED ABOUT IT. THANK YOU.

13
14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. MR.
15 YAROSLAVSKY SAYS HE WANTS TO BE LAST TO BE HEARD ON THIS
16 SUBJECT. THEN THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST. JUST SIMPLY WANT TO SAY
17 NOTHING LIKE EMBRACING THE FUTURE WITH IMAGINATION. DOING IT
18 IN THE WAY THAT SPEAKS TO THE EFFICACY OF PUBLIC- PRIVATE
19 PARTNERSHIPS, BUT TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT IS PRUDENT AND THAT
20 CAN BE BROADLY CELEBRATED. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU SEE
21 HERE. AND I'M CERTAINLY GLAD TO BE A PART OF THAT EFFORT AND
22 LOOK FORWARD TO THAT WHICH IS TO COME.

23
24 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AGREE. ZEV?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST WANT TO ADD A COUPLE
6 THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, IF YOU WILL QUOTE ME, PLEASE QUOTE ME
7 ACCURATELY. I CALLED IT "THE LIVING ROOM OF LOS ANGELES." NOT
8 THE TOWN SQUARE. TOWN SQUARE IT'S NOT ZONED FOR IT. THIS IS A
9 HISTORIC DAY. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU. I WANT TO REMEMBER, AS
10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA DID, ANDREA RICH WHO PRECEDED YOU, WHO LAID
11 THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS COULD ACTUALLY
12 HAPPEN. THIS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DREAMED OF 10 YEARS AGO. AND
13 YOU HAVE BEEN-- YOU AND YOUR BOARD, YOUR STAFF HAVE BEEN A
14 BREATH OF FRESH AIR FOR ALL OF US IN THE COUNTY. AND WHAT
15 YOU'VE DONE AT THE MUSEUM, DOUBLING THE ATTENDANCE FROM
16 ROUGHLY 600,000 A YEAR TO 1.2 MILLION SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HERE
17 IS A REMARKABLE, REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT, IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.
18 THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO BE HISTORIC FOR NOT JUST FOR THE
19 MUSEUM BUT FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND FOR ITS
20 LANDSCAPE, FOR ITS VIEW SCAPES, FOR ARTS AND CULTURE AND FOR
21 ECONOMICS. WHAT IT'S GOING TO DO FOR THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTY
22 AND ESPECIALLY THAT PART OF THE COUNTY. IT'S NOT THE REASON
23 YOU'RE DOING THIS, BUT IT'S A BY-PRODUCT OF IT. AND ARTS AND
24 CULTURE IS A VERY VIBRANT PART OF THE ECONOMIC MOSAIC OF L.A.
25 COUNTY. I THINK THIS BOARD UNDERSTANDS IT REAL WELL. GLAD TO

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1 SEE THAT THE EDITORIALS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT. AND I THINK
2 THE PUBLIC IS INCREASINGLY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT. I'VE SEEN IT IN
3 PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS. PEOPLE CARE ABOUT ARTS EDUCATION. AND
4 THEY CARE THAT IF THEIR KID CAN'T PLAY IN THE ORCHESTRA IN THE
5 7TH GRADE LIKE PEOPLE OF MY GENERATION COULD. NOT WITH AS MUCH
6 EASE. THEY CARE IF THEY DON'T GET FIELD TRIPS TO THE MUSEUM
7 AND GET MICHAEL GOVAN TO GIVE THEM THE HARVARD LECTURE ABOUT
8 ART AND WHAT THEY'RE SEEING. THAT'S ALL GOING TO BE POSSIBLE
9 IN A BIGGER WAY NOW WITH THIS PROJECT. AND I THINK THAT ONE OF
10 THE REASONS THE BOARD IS UNANIMOUS ON THIS IS IT INCENTIVIZES
11 YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MATCH ON A LEVEL THAT WE'RE GOING TO
12 END UP WITH A \$400 MILLION BUILDING FOR \$125 MILLION. WE OWN
13 THOSE BUILDINGS. MAKE THAT CLEAR. WE OWN THEM. IF THEY FALL
14 APART WITHOUT ANY RENOVATION, IT'S ON US TO BE ABLE TO GET
15 THIS DONE, LARGELY ON YOUR NICKEL, ON YOUR TRUSTEES' NICKEL
16 AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR'S NICKEL AND IN ART CONTRIBUTION IS A
17 VERY GOOD DEAL FOR ALL CONCERNED. SO I SALUTE YOU, MICHAEL. I
18 THINK THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO YOU. THIS BOARD, THE UNANIMITY OF
19 THIS BOARD IS A SIGN OF CONFIDENCE IN YOU. AND MR. ANTONOVICH
20 SAID SOMEWHERE IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, IF THERE'S A WAY WE
21 COULD ENSURE YOU THAT YOU STAY HERE UNTIL YOU GET THIS JOB
22 DONE, WE KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOU IF YOU DECIDE TO GO SOUTH.
23 THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE. AND FOR BRINGING THIS PROJECT
24 TO US.

25

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1 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS THIS MICHAEL GOVAN DAY IN L.A. OR WHAT?

8 WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT. DID YOU KNOW WHAT TODAY WAS?

9

10 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** THAT TODAY WAS?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, MICHAEL GOVAN DAY IN THE CITY, IN

13 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES? DID YOU KNOW THAT? IT IS. THANK

14 YOU.

15

16 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MR. CHAIR, WE HAVE A REPORT BEFORE YOU. I

19 WON'T GO THROUGH EVERY SINGLE RECOMMENDATION. BUT TODAY WE'RE

20 EXCITED THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND APPROVE THE FUNDING

21 CONCEPT FOR THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT. AND AS WAS

22 MENTIONED EARLIER, ESSENTIALLY WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE

23 BUILDINGS THAT ARE OVER 50 YEARS OLD WITH AN ICONIC STRUCTURE

24 THAT WILL HOUSE IMPORTANT ART PIECES THAT OUR COUNTY OWNS. AND

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1 SO IF THERE WEREN'T ANY FURTHER COMMENTS, I'D ASK THAT YOU
2 MOVE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND WE TAKE IT TO THE NEXT STEP.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FIRST WE HAVE TO MOVE MICHAEL GOVAN DAY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT.
7 YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GIVE SOMEBODY SOMETHING TO SUE ABOUT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I MAKE OTHER COMMENTS? I WANT TO
12 COMMEND THE C.E.O. AND HIS STAFF, THE COUNTY COUNSEL,
13 TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR AND EVERYBODY WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED IN
14 THIS. THIS IS NOT AN EASY THING. IT'S QUITE COMPLICATED. AND I
15 DON'T THINK WE'D BE SITTING HERE TODAY IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR
16 THAT COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN OUR FOLKS, YOUR FOLKS, THANK
17 YOU, AND THE BOARD OFFICES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MICHAEL.

20

21 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DO HAVE SOME FOLKS THAT SIGNED UP.
24 HERMAN HERMAN, JABRIEL MUHAMMAD, ARNOLD SACHS. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

25

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL REGARDING THE ISSUE OF ART FOR THE PUBLIC,
2 WE KNOW THAT BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CAN AFFORD TO
3 CONTRIBUTE TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE FAULTY, DECAPITATING,
4 RUNDOWN BUILDINGS SUCH AS THE ONE I SIT IN. BUT WE MUST
5 ENCOURAGE PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY TO BE INVITED TO MORE PUBLIC
6 MEETINGS SO THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE MILLIONS TO THE
7 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WE, THE TAXHOLDERS ARE INVESTING FOR
8 OUR FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND MORE SO FOR THE CHILDREN WHO
9 CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THESE AREAS WITH THE MUSEUM. AS WE ALL
10 KNOW THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY LONGER
11 FIELD TRIPS FOR MINORITY CHILDREN IN MINORITY AREAS, AND
12 GLORIA MOLINA'S WELL AWARE OF THAT. AND I'M SURE THAT SHE WILL
13 IMPROVE THAT WHEN SHE BECOMES THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL IN C.D.14
14 WITH MY SUPPORT ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS. BUT JUST LISTENING TO
15 THE DISCUSSION OF THIS \$600 MILLION TO BE SPENT ON THE EAST
16 CAMPUS FOR THE REPLACEMENTS OF THOSE TWO BUILDINGS, I AM
17 LOOKING FORWARD TO WALKING INTO THE IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE OF
18 THIS SHOWY, GAUDY BUILDING SO THAT I CAN ENJOY AS MUCH AS
19 ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS THE AFFORDABILITY TO PAY AND TAKE
20 ADVANTAGE OF THE MUSEUM'S EVENTS, EXHIBITS AND WITH FULL
21 COOPERATION I'M SURE THAT THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL THAT WILL
22 BE TAKING THEIR POSITIONS WILL HAVE THE SAME PUBLIC INTEREST
23 UNDER THE REGARDS OF ARTS FOR THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST. THANK
24 YOU.
25

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1 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS JABRIEL
2 MUHAMMAD FOR BISMILLAH, THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. OUR OBSERVATION
3 OF THE REPORT. IT'S A VERY GOOD PROJECT, AND WE WISH FOR THE
4 SUCCESS OF IT. WE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF IT. HOWEVER, IN OUR
5 ANALYSIS, WE SEE THE IMAGES BEING PROJECTED AND WE OBJECT, IF
6 THIS IN FACT IS GOING TO BE THE STANDARD VIEW. MR. GOVAN SPOKE
7 IN REGARD TO COTTON PICKERS. AND THAT BEING OUR HISTORY AND HE
8 WAS REDUNDANT AND HE STATED IT A NUMBER OF TIMES. AND THEN
9 SAYING, WELL, I PRAY THAT THE IMAGES THAT WE PROJECT HERE IN
10 THE \$600 MILLION EFFORT WILL SHOW US IN A LIGHT, AN IMAGE FAR
11 MORE OUTSTANDING AND DIGNIFIED THAN COTTON PICKERS BECAUSE OUR
12 MENTAL HEALTH IS INVOLVED HERE. AND WHEN WE OBSERVE CERTAIN
13 IMAGES OF OURSELVES, WE TEND TO GRAVITATE TOWARDS THAT
14 PERCEPTION OF OURSELVES. AND SO WE WANT TO SHOW IT ALL. SO WE
15 PUT OUR PRAYERS AS FAR AS THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS' INVOLVEMENT
16 IN THIS PROJECT IS CONCERNED, THAT IT SHOWS US IN A FAR, FAR
17 GREATER LIGHT THAN COTTON PICKERS FOR THE SAKE OF OUR MENTAL
18 HEALTH. AND, AGAIN, TWO OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW THE MONEY
19 IS BEING SPENT SO THAT WE CAN BE SURE TO HAVE A GREATER
20 INVOLVEMENT IN THE IMAGES THAT ARE BEING PORTRAYED IN THIS
21 EFFORT. THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. OH, GOOD MORNING.
24 GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. COUPLE THINGS. THE ITEM STARTS
25 OFF "APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF COUNTY BOND FINANCING AND

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1 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MUSEUM ASSOCIATES." SO FINANCING AND
2 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MUSEUM ASSOCIATES. AND THEN FURTHER DOWN
3 HERE IT SAYS AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$7.5 MILLION IN
4 COMMERCIAL PAPER NOTES TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO MUSEUM
5 ASSOCIATES. SO THEY'RE CONTRIBUTING BUT YOU'RE PROVIDING
6 FINANCING TO THE SAME PEOPLE. THAT REALLY IS-- DOESN'T REALLY
7 MAKE SENSE. I MEAN, MAYBE YOU COULD CLARIFY THAT A LITTLE BIT?
8 I'M WONDERING BECAUSE WE HEARD SO MANY ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA
9 ABOUT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, THAT THIS WOULD TAKE SO LONG TO DO,
10 THE GENTLEMAN WHO SPOKE, WHO CAME UP AND MADE THE PRESENTATION
11 MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT IN 2001 THE FIRST PLAN FOR
12 RENOVATION OF THE PROPERTY WAS BROUGHT FORTH BUT IT WAS TOO
13 EXPENSIVE. SO THE FACT THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID IT
14 COULD BE CONSIDERED 10 YEARS AGO, HE WAS RIGHT. IT WAS
15 CONSIDERED 13 YEARS AGO. THINKING ABOUT THE GRAND AVENUE, HE
16 ALSO MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR EDITORIALS. AND I'M
17 THINKING ABOUT THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT AND ALL THE EDITORIAL
18 PROJECTS THAT SAY THAT THAT'S THE BEST THING SINCE CHARMIN
19 CAME WITH DIMPLES BUT I'M ALSO THINKING THAT RELATED WHO
20 DEVELOPED THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT GOT AWAY WITHOUT PAYING ANY
21 OF THE PENALTIES THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ASSESSED FOR
22 DEVELOPING THAT PROJECT. SO BASICALLY WHAT THEY PAID FOR THE
23 PARK WAS PROBABLY LESS THAN A WASH THAN WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE
24 PAID FOR THE PENALTIES. AND THEN THE AREA OF THIS PROJECT.
25 RIGHT DOWN THE HEART OF THE RED LINE, OF THE SUBWAY EXTENSION.

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1 YOU KNOW, SPEAKING OF WHICH, THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR, THE
2 STATION AT FLOWER STREET, \$600 MILLION. ART PROJECT, \$600
3 MILLION. SAME NUMBERS, ONE STATION, ONE ART. WHEW, BROAD
4 MUSEUM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT ALL? YOU ALREADY SPOKE EARLIER.
7 YOU MAY BE READY BUT YOU SIGNED UP EARLIER. THAT'S RIGHT. HE
8 RUNS THE MEETINGS. COME ON UP.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, IT'S ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
11 DISTRICT 3. I'M ABSOLUTELY PLEASED WITH THIS PROJECT. I THINK
12 THAT MR. GOVAN AND MR. KATZ COULD MEET IN PRIVATE TO DISCUSS
13 WHO IS THE COUNTY FAVORITE BUT BOTH ARE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB.
14 AND I THINK THE BOARD MAKES THAT CLEAR REGULARLY. OKAY, I'LL
15 TAKE THE TEN SECONDS BACK, BUT THANK YOU FOR THAT. THAT'S A
16 GOOD POINT. YES, THAT'S TRUE. ALTHOUGH THEY DO, SOME ARE MORE
17 NAUGHTY THAN OTHERS. AT VARIOUS TIMES BUT THIS IS NOT ABOUT
18 NAUGHTY. THIS IS ABOUT A VERY ROBUST AND EXCITING PROGRAM FOR
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ART LOVERS. THERE ARE A FEW CONCERNS, OF
20 COURSE. MR. FUJIOKA AND MR. SALADINO KNOW WELL THAT BOND
21 FUNDING IS OF INTEREST. I WAS UNDERSTANDING, IS IT A 3:1 MATCH
22 OR 4:1 MATCH? MY MATH, I THOUGHT I HEARD 3:1 BUT IT'S 4:1 MORE
23 OR LESS? YEAH, IT'S A 4:1 MATCH. SO IT'S A \$125 MILLION BOND
24 BUT I THINK WITH THE COSTS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE LIKE 140
25 PLUS. SO IT'S ABOUT 10 MILLION A YEAR, WHICH I THINK IS GIVEN

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1 OUR LARGE BUDGET DOABLE. YOU KNOW, I WOULD JUST ENCOURAGE MR.
2 GOVAN THE TEAM AT L.A.C.M.A. TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND
3 TRANSPARENCY TO THE EVOLVING SOME FOR DESIGN WHICH LOOKS QUITE
4 DIFFERENT THAN IT DID LAST TIME WE WERE LOOKING AT IT. AND IS
5 THIS RELATED TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S SORT OF ANNEX THAT HE'S
6 PROPOSED LAST WEEK IN THE NEWSPAPER WHERE SOME OF THE
7 L.A.C.M.A. WORK WILL BE DISPLAYED? BECAUSE I THINK AS WE-- I
8 THINK THERE ARE PROVISIONS BEING MADE BUT AS WE GO INTO THIS
9 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TOWARD 2023, WE DO DEFINITELY WANT TO
10 EXPERIMENT WITH WAYS TO MAKE OUR COLLECTION AVAILABLE DURING
11 THAT TIME. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE JAPANESE
12 PAVILION IS BEING RETAINED, WHICH IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT
13 IT IS, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME VERY SPECIAL PIECES THAT SHOULD
14 NOT BE TAKEN DOWN. AND FINALLY I COULD SAY THAT THE BROWN ACT,
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, NAMING SOMETHING IN PUBLIC IS FINE.
16 IT'S MEETING BEHIND CLOSED DOORS ON PENSION SPIKING THAT'S NOT
17 OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY
20 MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
21 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
22 SO BE THE ORDER. ALL RIGHT. WHAT DO I HAVE LEFT HERE? PARDON
23 ME? 22. ALL RIGHT. MICHELLE GARCIA. LAURA DIEGO. HERMAN
24 HERMAN. DID I HEAR THAT MICHELLE IS WAIVING AND THAT LAURA IS
25 WAIVING?

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1

2 **HERMAN HERMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AND, YES, IN WHAT REGARD ARE WE
3 REFERRING HERE TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' WELL-BEING WHEN
4 WE TALK ABOUT AMENDMENTS TO THE HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTION
5 SYSTEM? HOW IS IT THAT THE FUNDING OF CALIFORNIA WORK
6 OPPORTUNITIES AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR KIDS IS AN ACTION
7 THAT THIS COUNTY OR THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES SUCH AS THE CITY
8 OF LOS ANGELES ARE ACTUALLY TAKING AN EFFECT FOR HOMELESSNESS?
9 AT WORST, WHAT INVOLVEMENT FOR ANY OR ACTUAL SOLUTION HERE AND
10 THEREFORE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM? TECHNICALLY ARE WE
11 MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY? FOR THE HOMELESSNESS
12 SITUATION? AND THE CRITERIA THAT CONTINUES TO BE THE MAIN
13 PROBLEM OF OUR CONCERNS? WE'RE ON 22, MISS MOLINA, YOU'RE
14 WELCOME. SO IN ACTUALITY, THE PERFORMANCE OF NOT JUST THIS
15 LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY, BUT ALSO THE
16 CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS IGNORED TIMELESS AND TIMELESS THE
17 EFFORT TO REALLY PUT ACTION FOR HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTIONS. I
18 FIND IT DUMFOUNDING THAT WE HAVE A THREE-YEAR TERM WHEN IT
19 SHOULD BE ACTUALLY A ONE-YEAR TERM. SHOULD BASE IT UPON THE
20 PERFORMANCE THAT YOU ACTUALLY SPEND EVERY COUNTY DOLLAR, EVERY
21 CITY DOLLAR, EVERY DOLLAR FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE AND
22 LOCAL AGENCIES TO REGULATIONS BEFORE YOU INCREASE ANY SCOPE OF
23 DOLLAR INVOLVEMENT FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO ARE
24 ENGAGED IN THE HOMELESSNESS SITUATION TODAY, OUR VETS. THANK
25 YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM 22 IS BEFORE US. MOVED
3 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
4 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER. WITH THE
5 ABSTENTION OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THANK YOU. SO ORDERED. WE
6 HAVE WHAT? 4-P. I DON'T THINK YOU'VE BEEN CALLED YET, SIR.
7 ANNIE LIU, DIANA PADILLA, PATRICIA ALLAF, JAMES ODLING.
8 WHOEVER IS READY TO GO, GO AHEAD. THANK YOU.

9

10 **JAMES ODLING:** HI, I'M JIM ODLING, AND I'M CO-FOUNDER OF THE
11 FRIENDS OF WHITTIER NARROWS NATURAL AREA. I WANT TO SPEAK
12 AGAINST THE ADDITION OF \$3 MILLION TO GIVE TO THE SAN GABRIEL
13 RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER PROJECT. I PASSED YOU SOME DOCUMENTS, I
14 THINK ONE IS A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, EDITORIAL FROM THE SAN
15 GABRIEL NEWSPAPERS A FEW YEARS AGO. I THINK IT CAPTURES A LOT
16 OF MY VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. WHAT REALLY GOT ME INVOLVED IN
17 THIS THING IS WHEN I WENT TO A MEETING OF L.A. COUNTY'S
18 REGIONAL PLANNING BIOLOGICAL PROFESSIONALS, CALLED THE
19 SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE-- THIS
20 THING SAYS I ONLY GOT 30 SECONDS. I JUST STARTED.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EVERYONE IS GETTING A MINUTE. WE HAVE A
23 LOT OF SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM

24

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1 **JAMES ODLING:** OKAY. ANYWAY, I'M NOT GOING TO GET ANYTHING
2 DONE, BUT ANYWAY, BASICALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THINKING SMALL IS
3 THE WAY TO GO. FOLLOW THE EDITORIAL LINE OF A NEWSPAPER, SAVE
4 THE NATURE, SAVE THE ENDANGERED SPECIES, SAVE MONEY, SAVE
5 WATER AND LESSEN TRAFFIC AND DECREASE GLOBAL WARMING BY NOT
6 FUNDING THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER PROJECT. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LAUREL HUNT. RICHARD SHOP,
10 SHOPE, MARK STANLEY AND SANDONNE GOAD?

11

12 **DIANA PADILLA:** HI, MY NAME IS DIANA AND I AM THE PROJECT
13 MANAGER FOR THE YOUTH SCIENCE CENTER. I WORK FOR THE ECOVOICES
14 PROGRAM. AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER
15 DISCOVERY CENTER AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS BECAUSE I BELIEVE
16 THAT WE SHOULD TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
17 AND TO NURTURE NATURE AND ALL THAT ENCOMPASSES, S.T.E.M.
18 SCIENCES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21

22 **LAUREL HUNT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LAUREL HUNT. AND I'M
23 THE PROGRAMS MANAGER AT THE LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY CENTER
24 FOR URBAN RESILIENCE, OR C.U.R.E.S. I AND THE REST OF THE
25 STAFF AT C.U.R.E.S. URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE ACTION ITEM

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1 TO APPROVE PROP A FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3 MILLION FOR THE
2 SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER PROJECT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **RICHARD SHOPE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM DR. RICHARD SHOPE, THE
7 DIRECTOR OF THE ECOVOICES OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY
8 CENTER AUTHORITY. MY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO CREATE COLLABORATIVE
9 UNITY, TO IMPLEMENT OUR AMBITIOUS RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND
10 YOUTH WORKFORCE PROGRAM. SEVERAL OF YOU HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT
11 FOR OUR ECOVOICES COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS, THE YOUTH SCIENCE
12 CENTER, THE CENTER FOR URBAN RESILIENCE AT L.M.U., THE L.A.
13 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECS, THE L.A. CITY REC AND
14 PARKS DEPARTMENT AND SEVERAL L.A. COUNTY YOUTH WORKFORCE
15 DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES THAT PARTNER WITH US. I THANK YOU FOR
16 THAT SUPPORT. AND I APPLAUD THE EXCELLENT WORK OF OUR
17 ECOVOICES TEAM. IN THESE HISTORICAL TIMES WE ARE REACHING
18 THOUSANDS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN TO ENGAGE THEM AS SCIENCE-SAVVY
19 CITIZENS. THE NEW FACILITY WILL ENABLE OUR REACH TO EMBRACE
20 THE ENTIRE REGION OF L.A. COUNTY. AND FOR THIS, I SUPPORT THE
21 SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER AUTHORITY AND YOUR VOTE ON
22 THAT MATTER. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT.

25

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1 **MARK STANLEY:** THANK YOU. I'M MARK STANLEY THE EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER AUTHORITY.
3 I'M MORE THAN APPRECIATIVE THAT SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA HAS
4 TAKEN LEADERSHIP IN THIS PROJECT THAT SUPPORTS LONG OVERDUE
5 MODERNIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE NATURE CENTER WITHIN
6 WHITTIER NARROWS. THE DISCOVERY CENTER FACILITY IN THIS AREA
7 IS MIDWAY BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS AND THE OCEAN, WILL PROVIDE
8 MUCH DESERVED STATE-OF-THE-ART EXHIBIT SPACE AND LABORATORIES
9 WHERE STUDENTS CAN RUN LONG TERM EXPERIMENTS THAT CAN ENGAGE
10 THEM IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING AND TO PREPARE THEM
11 FOR THE FUTURE. WE'RE CURRENTLY AT THE NATURE CENTER PROVIDING
12 EDUCATION WITH THE ECOVOICES PROGRAM. THE YOUTH ARE OUT THERE
13 EVERY THURSDAY OBSERVING S.T.E.M.-BASED EDUCATION AROUND
14 WATER. IT'S BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM FOR NEARLY 6,000 KIDS
15 FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE AREA. JOHN MUIR ONCE SAID
16 "WHEN WE TRY TO PICK OUT ANYTHING BY ITSELF, WE FIND IT'S
17 HITCHED TO EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE UNIVERSE." I ASK US TO BE
18 MINDFUL HOW THIS PROJECT SUPPORTS THE NEEDS OF THE
19 UNDERSTANDING OF WATER. THE MORE WE CAN COMMUNICATE AND ENGAGE
20 IN HOW WATER IMPACTS US EVERY DAY, WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING
21 DURING THIS DROUGHT PERIOD AND WHERE WE CAN BE MORE INFORMED,
22 BE HEALTHIER OUR ENVIRONMENT WILL BE.
23

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JULIE MENDEL. CHRISTINE
2 TRINH. ANGELICA HERNANDEZ. DAVID DOWNING. PLEASE JOIN US,
3 PLEASE. NEXT?

4

5 **SANDONNE GOAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE MEMBERS MY NAME IS
6 SANDONNE GOAD. I AM THE TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN OF THE
7 GABRIELINO/TONGVA NATION. ON BEHALF OF OUR TRIBE, OUR TRIBAL
8 COUNCIL AND MYSELF, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY SO THAT I MAY CONVEY OUR
10 SUPPORT OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER PROJECT. THE
11 CURRENT FACILITY AT THE WHITTIER NARROWS REGIONAL PARK WAS
12 BUILT OVER 75 YEARS AGO AND IT'S DETERIORATING. IT CAN'T
13 SAFELY OR EFFICIENTLY ACCOMMODATE THE POPULATION GROWTH OF THE
14 LAST 75 YEARS. WHEN YOU AGREE TO SUPPORT THE DISCOVERY CENTER,
15 YOU WILL NOT ONLY BE GAINING A NEW GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
16 STEWARDS BUT CONSCIOUS GUARDIANS OF OUR WATER RESOURCES. THIS
17 PROJECTS ALSO CREATES JOBS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE AND
18 FUTURE JOBS FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT. I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO
19 MY WORDS OF SUPPORT. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN THE
20 GABRIELINO/TONGVA NATION IN SUPPORTING THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER
21 DISCOVERY CENTER.

22

23 **ANGELICA HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS ANGELICA
24 HERNANDEZ AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE
25 SENATE AND SENATOR DR. ED HERNANDEZ AND FIRST AND FOREMOST I

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1 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS THEM
2 IN SUPPORT OF THE DISCOVERY CENTER. THE DISCOVERY CENTER IS A
3 PROJECT THAT IS A GREAT CATALYST THAT WILL RESTORE THE NATURAL
4 HABITAT OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED AND EDUCATE
5 COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING OUR WATER
6 RESOURCES. FURTHERMORE, THE DISCOVERY CENTER PROJECT WILL
7 REVITALIZE AND PROTECT LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON
8 HABITAT RESTORATION AND AND STORM WATER CAPTURE. SO SENATOR
9 HERNANDEZ WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE TO STATE HIS ONGOING SUPPORT
10 FOR THE PROJECT AND HE WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE TO SEE FOR THE
11 BOARD TO APPROVE THE \$3 MILLION FUND. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT.

14
15 **DAVID DOWNING:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S DAVID DOWNING. I'M
16 THE INSTRUCTIONAL DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN EAST LOS
17 ANGELES REPRESENTING SUPERINTENDENT ROBERTO MARTINEZ IN FAVOR
18 OF THE DISCOVERY CENTER SCIENCE PROJECT. ONE OF THE CHALLENGES
19 THAT WE FACE PARTICULARLY AS STUDENTS MOVE INTO MIDDLE SCHOOLS
20 IS MAKING THEIR LEARNING COME ALIVE AND TAKING PRINCIPLES IN
21 THIS CASE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, ET CETERA,
22 AND ANSWERING THE QUESTION: WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME? FOR THE
23 STUDENTS. SO THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
24 TO HAVE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE RIGHT IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD, TO
25 NOT HAVE TO TRAVEL GREAT DISTANCES, TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 EXPERIMENT AND TO LEARN IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT I BELIEVE
2 SHOULD BE AFFORDED THEM. AND I WANT TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE AND
3 URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR
4 STUDENTS IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. KLARISSA PALACIOS. BELINDA
7 FAUSTINOS. MIGUEL LUNA. AND SAM PEDROZA.

8

9 **KLARISSA PALACIOS:** GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS KLARISSA PALACIOS.
10 I'M THE DIRECTOR OF <INAUDIBLE> RELATIONS FOR L.A.U.S.D..
11 BOARD DISTRICT 2, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR L.A.U.S.D.
12 BOARD MEMBER MISS MONICA GARCIA TO EXPRESS HER SUPPORT FOR THE
13 SAN GABRIEL RIVER AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION THAT WILL IT
14 BRING TO OUR COMMUNITY. MISS GARCIA'S AWARE OF THE GREAT
15 SUCCESS OF ECOVOICES PROGRAM WHICH L.A.U.S.D. PROGRAMS HAVE
16 PARTICIPATED IN, ALONG WITH STUDENTS FROM SEVERAL DISTRICTS
17 THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND MOST RECENTLY LOS
18 ANGELES COMMUNITY. MISS GARCIA IS PLEASED TO HAVE ASSIGNED
19 GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER INVOLVING THE COMMUNITIES IN
20 OUR DISTRICT THAT WILL PROVIDE A HEALTHY AND VIBRANT NATURAL
21 AREA AND CENTER WHERE STUDENTS CAN GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE AND
22 DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER REGION. WE STAND WITH
23 THE DISCOVERY CENTER'S MISSION TO INSPIRE ENVIRONMENTAL
24 STEWARDSHIP AND JOIN WITH THE NUMEROUS STATE, LOCAL AGENCIES
25 AND COOPERATIONS WITH PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS PRIVATE GROUPS AND

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1 THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT OF THE DISCOVERY CENTER. WE'RE
2 HERE TO URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE ACTION ITEM TO APPROVE
3 PROP 8 FUNDING FOR DISCOVERY CENTER PROJECT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

6

7 **BELINDA FAUSTINOS:** GOOD MORNING. BELINDA FAUSTINOS. THANK YOU
8 VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I WANT TO
9 APPLAUD AND THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS
10 HERE FOR REALLY CONSIDERING THIS THIS ITEM WHICH HAS BEEN IN
11 THE MAKING FOR OVER A DECADE. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS ALL
12 THE OTHER PEOPLE BEFORE ME HAVE SO ELOQUENTLY SAID, WE REALLY
13 NEED IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN THE SAN GABRIEL
14 VALLEY, BUT ALSO THE FARTHER REACHES THAT THIS PROJECT WILL BE
15 ABLE TO BRING IN KIDS FROM LONG BEACH AND OTHER AREAS THAT
16 WOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE PART OF A WATERSHED
17 THAT EXTENDS UP INTO THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. WE JUST
18 RECENTLY WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS
19 NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGNATED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA. THIS IS A
20 GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR BEING ABLE TO LINK WHAT HAPPENS IN URBAN
21 AREAS AND HOW THEY RELATE TO OUR SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. SO I
22 WOULD JUST URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND REALLY THANK YOU
23 FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT IN PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THIS REGION.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ASK SHARON GREEN AND HERMAN HERMAN TO
2 JOIN US?

3

4 **SAM PEDROZA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS SAM PEDROZA. I'M
5 AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER FOR THE SANITATION DISTRICTS AND
6 CHAIR OF THE STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE DISCOVERY CENTER. I'M HERE
7 TO URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT. IT'S A LONG TIME
8 COMING. IT'S A WATERSHED EDUCATION CENTER, AND TRULY AN
9 EMPHASIS ON THE EDUCATION. THE EDUCATION IS THE CORNERSTONE OF
10 ANY STORM WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND THAT'S A BIG ISSUE
11 THAT ALL OF THE COUNTY AND ALL THE CITIES ARE FACING. SO THIS
12 CENTER WILL DEFINITELY PROVIDE THAT EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT THAT
13 WE'RE ALL LOOKING FOR. SO WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT AND THANK YOU
14 FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU
15 VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND CITY COUNCILMEN.

18

19 **SAM MENDOZA:** YES. THAT'S WHY FROM THE CITY PERSPECTIVE THIS IS
20 VERY KEY.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

23

24 **SHARON GREEN:** I'M SHARON GREEN. I'M ALSO WITH THE SANITATION
25 DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE ARE HERE TODAY IN

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1 SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM. WE WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING
2 THIS FUNDING. WE ALSO ARE PROVIDING FUNDING TO ARE THE PROJECT
3 THAT WILL BE KEY IN BRINGING LEVERAGING YOUR FUNDING. OUR
4 FUNDING IS THE RESULT OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY THE REGIONAL
5 WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM TO
6 MAKE IT AVAILABLE THROUGH WHAT'S CALLED A SUPPLEMENTAL
7 ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT, AND THAT CAN BRING THIS GREAT PROJECT
8 FORWARD TO THE COMMUNITY. SO AGAIN WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT AND
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

12

13 **HERMAN HERMAN:** IN REGARDS TO THIS ITEM 4-P, WE SEE THE SCHOOL
14 DISTRICT, ELIAS DIAZ, HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE WITH US THE
15 SCIENCE AND EDUCATION TO PROMOTE ACTION OF SUCCESS. SO WE HAVE
16 TO RESORT TO A PROGRAM SUCH AS THIS UNDER THE FEDERAL AND
17 STATE EDUCATION ENVIRONMENTAL ACT FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING
18 WHAT OUR CHILDREN AND I'M SURE THE SUPPORT OF YOUR VOTES WILL
19 BE UNANIMOUS FOR THE \$3 MILLION TO PROVIDE TO THE SAFE
20 NEIGHBORHOOD AND PARKS PROPOSITION ALONG WITH THE MANY OTHER
21 CONCERNS ADDRESSED TODAY BY AND I WON'T REITERATE WHAT MANY OF
22 PERSONNEL HAVE SPOKEN OF TODAY OR YOUR CIVILIAN POPULATION.
23 BUT I AM FOR THIS AND I THANK GLORIA MOLINA IN SUPPORT OF THIS
24 DISTRICT WITHIN HER DISTRICT, DISTRICT 1. AND I'M LOOKING

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1 FORWARD TO SEEING HER ON COUNCIL IN DISTRICT 14 AS MR. HUIZAR
2 IS FAILING TO STEP DOWN. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WHERE WAS THE YOUNG MAN THAT
5 CAME UP FIRST THAT HAD NOT? COME ON UP.

6

7 **IRVIN BARREGAN:** I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK. GOOD AFTERNOON,
8 HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
9 COME AND SPEAK ON SUPPORTING THE DISCOVERY CENTER. MY NAME IS
10 IRVIN BARREGAN. I'M A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, PAST CORPS MEMBER
11 AND NOW JUNIOR STAFF AT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION
12 CORPS. THERE'S MANY REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THIS
13 PROJECT BUT I'M GOING TO FOCUS MAINLY ON TWO. ONE, CALIFORNIA
14 IS IN A DROUGHT. WE ALL KNOW THAT. WE NEED A 21ST CENTURY
15 ENERGY EFFICIENT WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT. WE DESPERATELY
16 NEED IT TO SET UP THE BAR FOR THE REST OF CALIFORNIA TO
17 FOLLOW. AND, SECONDLY, THE LOCATION PROPOSED FOR THE DISCOVERY
18 CENTER IS IN A COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS A LOT OF HELP. A LOT OF
19 YOUTH BEHIND ME LIVE IN THAT COMMUNITY, AS WELL. AND IT COULD
20 POTENTIALLY PROVIDE A LOT OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR US. AND
21 PERSONALLY, I'D RATHER SPEND MY TIME WITH MY DAUGHTER AT THE
22 DISCOVERY CENTER THAN STUCK IN TRAFFIC TRYING TO DRIVE TO THE
23 NEAREST SCIENCE CENTER WHICH IS PRETTY FAR. THANK YOU.

24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME. OKAY. WITH THAT, THE
4 ITEM'S BEFORE US.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST LET ME SAY THAT THIS IS GOING
7 TO GO A LONG WAY IN REALLY CREATING THE ENVIRONMENTALS THAT WE
8 NEED FOR OUR NEXT GENERATION. THE DISCOVERY CENTER, IT GETS AN
9 AWFUL LOT OF VISITORS, BUT REALLY IT NEEDS TO BE REDONE IN A
10 MAJOR WAY. BUT WHAT'S EXCITING ABOUT IT IS THAT AS THIS HAS
11 STARTED, IT HAS BUILT BEAUTIFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH MANY OF OUR
12 AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS, OUR NONPROFITS. IT REALLY HAS COME
13 TOGETHER. AND THEY HAVE GELLED TO REALLY CREATE THE KIND OF
14 COLLECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS THAT I THINK THE DISCOVERY CENTER WILL
15 BENEFIT FROM IN THE YEARS TO COME. SO THIS ALLOCATION OF FUNDS
16 WILL GO A LONG WAY NOT ONLY INTO BUILDING A STRONGER KIND OF
17 COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT SO THAT THE DISCOVERY CENTER WILL
18 BENEFIT, BUT MORE SO TO CONTINUE TO CREATE THIS KIND OF
19 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION THROUGHOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND
20 COMMUNITIES AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES LIKE WE
21 HAVE ALONG THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER TO MAKE USE OF ALL OF THAT.
22 SO, IT IS A WIN/WIN FOR ALL OF US.

23

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE
3 ORDER. THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS, ALL OF YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL DO ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR
8 YAROSLAVSKY, HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.
11 I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KAYGEY KASH-MOSK, A
12 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT IN SANTA MONICA WHO PASSED
13 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. KAYGEY WAS BORN IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA.
14 SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF 14 CHILDREN BORN TO A RABBI AND HIS
15 WIFE. FOLLOWING HER GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, SHE MOVED
16 WITH HER FAMILY TO LOS ANGELES WHERE SHE BECAME A LEADER IN
17 THE LOS ANGELES AND NATIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITIES. THAT'S WHERE
18 I FIRST MET HER WHEN I WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT, A HIGH SCHOOL
19 STUDENT ACTUALLY. AMONG OTHER POSITIONS, SHE SERVED AS THE
20 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN, COMMISSIONER OF
21 HILLEL AND B'NAI B'RITH NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ORGANIZATION.
22 HONORARY LIFE COMMISSIONER OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE AND
23 LIFE MEMBER OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. WAS ALSO THE FORMER
24 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES JEWISH FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S
25 DIVISION. SHE SERVED ON MANY ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AT

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1 THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL WORKING WITH ME AND MY PREDECESSOR,
2 ED EDELMAN, AS WELL AS GOVERNOR PAT BROWN THEN ATTORNEY
3 GENERAL STANLEY MOSK WHOM YEARS LATER SHE WOULD MARRY AFTER
4 HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT FOLLOWING THE DEATH
5 OF HER HUSBAND OF 54 YEARS, LOUIS KASH. SHE RECEIVED MUCH
6 RECOGNITION FOR HER ACTIVITIES AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY
7 ALL WHO KNEW HER. SHE LEAVES A DAUGHTER LESLIE BRODIE, A
8 GRANDDAUGHTER EMILY REMBA, A GRANDSON L.B. BRODIE, A BROTHER
9 IRVIN MARON AND NUMEROUS NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HER TWO HUSBANDS,
10 LOU KASH AND JUSTICE STANLEY MOSK PREDECEASED HER. SHE WAS 93
11 YEARS OLD. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TOM MAGLIOZZI,
12 LONGTIME COHOST OF NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO'S "CAR TALK" WHO
13 PASSED AWAY JUST A COUPLE DAYS AGO AT THE AGE OF 77. WITH HIS
14 BROTHER RAY, THE DUO CALLED THEMSELVES CLICK AND CLACK, THE
15 TAPPET BROTHERS AND DISPENSED A MIXTURE OF PRACTICAL
16 MECHANICAL ADVICE AND CORNY JOKES AND PUNS THAT AMUSED AND
17 CHARMED LISTENERS FOR DECADES, PUNCTUATED BY A SOUND TRACK OF
18 TOM'S HEARTY AND INFECTIOUS LAUGH. THE SHOW ORIGINATED AT
19 BOSTON N.P.R., STATION WBUR AND BECAME AN INSTANT HIT WHEN IT
20 WENT NATIONAL IN 1987. WHILE THE PAIR TOOK ON THE CHARACTERS
21 OF WORKING-CLASS GREASE MONKEYS, BOTH, IN FACT, WERE
22 ENGINEERING GRADUATES OF M.I.T., AND TOM HAD EARNED A DOCTORAL
23 DEGREE IN MARKETING AND HAD BEEN A COLLEGE PROFESSOR. THEY
24 DID, HOWEVER, ACTUALLY OWN A COUPLE OF GARAGES AND FIXED CARS
25 FOR A TIME BEFORE DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO BROADCASTING. WITH

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1 THE ONSET OF TOM'S ILLNESS, THE SHOW HAS BEEN AIRING ARCHIVED
2 RERUNS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. TOM IS SURVIVED BY HIS YOUNGER
3 BROTHER, RADIO PARTNER RAY AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. THOSE ARE
4 MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. I MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN
7 IN MEMORY OF GRACIE IWAKI, THE MOTHER OF DR. KEN IWAKI, A
8 FRIEND AND CHIROPRACTOR, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. SHE WILL BE
9 MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER AND ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
10 FRIEDA ANN COLLINS WILLHIDE, A HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATE AND A
11 LONGTIME FRIEND, PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AFTER A STRUGGLE WITH
12 CANCER. SHE WAS SURROUNDED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND WILL BE
13 MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND
14 JOHN, THREE CHILDREN, THREE STEPCHILDREN, BROTHER WILLIAM AND
15 FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. AS I SAID, SHE'LL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HER
16 FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE'RE GOING TO ASK
19 THAT THE BOARD ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OFFICER SHAUN RICHARD
20 DIAMOND WHO WAS A S.W.A.T. POLICE OFFICER WITH THE POMONA
21 POLICE DEPARTMENT AND A RESIDENT OF WHITTIER WHO WAS
22 TRAGICALLY KILLED OCTOBER 28 AT THE AGE OF 45.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE WAS A 16-YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT VETERAN,
2 ALSO SERVING WITH L.A.P.D. AND MONTEBELLO POLICE DEPARTMENTS.
3 HE JOINED THE POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2006 AND WAS A
4 MEMBER OF THE S.W.A.T. TEAM SINCE 2008. HE HAD WORKED IN
5 OUTREACH EFFORTS AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS AND
6 PARTICIPATED IN S.W.A.T. DEMONSTRATIONS FOR OUR SCHOOL
7 CHILDREN. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN AND HIS
8 MOTHER, JOY. GEORGE SKURLA, MY BELOVED UNCLE WHO PASSED AWAY
9 ON OCTOBER 29TH AT THE AGE OF 85. HE WAS RETIRED PROBATION
10 OFFICER AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KIMBERLY AND NUMBER OF NIECES
11 AND NEPHEWS. EDWARD JAROLD WRIGHT, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
12 LANCASTER. HE HAD SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II AS A B-17 GUNNER
13 BEFORE HIS CAREER AS EDUCATOR. TEACHER, PRINCIPAL, LANCASTER
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND THEN RETIRED AND BECAME AN
15 ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER. IN
16 RETIREMENT HE OPENED AND OPERATED THE CATFISH ED'S LOUISIANA
17 BARBECUE RESTAURANT. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 66
18 YEARS AND HIS SON AND THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS AND TWO GREAT
19 GRANDDAUGHTERS AND A LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY. KIYOSHI
20 KAWARATANI, OWNER OF RAFU BUSSAN INC. IN LITTLE TOKYO FOR THE
21 PAST 56 YEARS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. DURING WORLD WAR
22 II, HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE INCARCERATED IN ARIZONA AND LATER
23 MOVED TO A CAMP IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN 1951, HE MOVED TO
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH HIS WIFE AND PURCHASED RAFU BUSSAN
25 WHICH IS THE LARGEST JAPANESE RETAIL STORE IN LITTLE TOKYO. HE

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1 WAS KNOWN FOR HIS STRONG SUPPORT OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN
2 COMMUNITY AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 61 YEARS IKO AND HIS
3 FIVE SIBLINGS. VERY GOOD FRIEND, LONGTIME SUPPORTER RENEE
4 SPERLING, RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
5 OF 76. SHE AND HER HUSBAND FRANK OPERATE SPERLING'S FURNITURE
6 IN PALMDALE. SHE WAS QUITE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PALMDALE
7 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND WITH FAMILIES VERY CHARITABLE IN
8 SUPPORTING THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN ANTELOPE
9 VALLEY. AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND FRANK AND THEIR
10 THREE CHILDREN. JOANNE LOUISE HIDER, RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA
11 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. SHE HAD BEEN A NURSE AT THE
12 OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER FOR OVER 20 YEARS. ACTIVE MEMBER IN
13 THE COMMUNITY AND HONORED BY THE BOY SCOUTS, THE RIO VISTA
14 P.T.A. FOR HER SERVICE. RODERICK HILLS, FORMER HEAD OF THE
15 SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
16 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HE HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY TO THE
17 WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL PHILIP BUCHEN WHEN PRESIDENT FORD NAMED
18 HIM TO THE S.E.C. HE WAS THE COFOUNDER OF MUNGER, TOLLES &
19 OLSEN LAW FIRM AND THE FOUNDER OF THE HILLS PROGRAM ON
20 GOVERNANCE AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CARLA AND THEIR
21 CHILDREN. SELENA JOHNSON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, HAD
22 BEEN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE SINCE 2002 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT
23 OF FAMILY, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AS A SOCIAL WORKER.
24 AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIANCE AND HER SON, FATHER AND HER
25 BROTHER. BEVERLY KENDALL LINCOLN, LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA

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1 CLARITA VALLEY, SHE HAD BEEN AN EDUCATOR AT MOUNTAIN VIEW
2 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS. VOLUNTEER FOR THE
3 ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SANTA CLARITA. AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF
4 THE OLD ORCHARDS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION. CARMION ROBERTA
5 RATKOVICH OF PASADENA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 29. SHE WAS
6 THE PRESIDENT OF THE COOLIDGE SCHOOL P.T.A. AND VOLUNTEER AT
7 ST. STEVEN'S ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL. FAWZY HABIB PASSED AWAY
8 OCTOBER 25TH. HE'S WORKED FOR 28 YEARS AS A BUILDING INSPECTOR
9 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHEN HE RETIRED IN 1997. HE WAS
10 A THIRD DEGREE MASON IN THE TEMPLE CITY MASONIC LODGE, A
11 SHRINER IN SAN GABRIEL AND DEACON AT ARCADIA PRESBYTERIAN
12 CHURCH AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, DAUGHTER AND THREE
13 GRANDCHILDREN. RICARDO FLORES RODRIGUEZ PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
14 OF 52. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
15 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
16 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH.
17 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. HE WAS A LONGTIME
18 RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. DORINE OWENS WHO WAS A
19 FORMER SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 24TH. RETIRED FROM THE COURT
21 SERVICES EAST AFTER 16 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE. RUDOLPH
22 CINCLO WALKER, JR. OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT
23 AGE 86 AND HE HAD SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, WORKED AS
24 AEROSPACE FLIGHT TEST ENGINEER. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
25 AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A MOTION FOR A

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1 REPORT BACK. AND "A RECENT STORY BY KNBC HAD IDENTIFIED AT
2 LEAST 442, POSSIBLY THOUSANDS MORE DUPLICATE VOTER
3 REGISTRATIONS AND OTHER ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE VOTER
4 FILE. EVEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROCESS OF UPDATING
5 AND CORRECTING VOTER RECORDS IS COMPLEX, IT'S STILL INCUMBENT
6 UPON THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF VOTER REGISTRATION
7 WHILE PRESERVING THE RIGHT OF EVERY ELIGIBLE VOTER TO EXERCISE
8 ONE'S RIGHT TO VOTE. I WOULD REQUEST THAT THE AUDITOR-
9 CONTROLLER REVIEW THE ALLEGED DUPLICATE VOTER REGISTRATIONS
10 AND OTHER ALLEGED VOTER IRREGULARITIES WITH THE VOTER FILE AND
11 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS." THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR.
12 CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
15 ADJOURNMENTS?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, BUT LET ME ALSO EXTEND MY DEEPEST
18 CONDOLENCES TO POMONA POLICE OFFICER SHAUN DIAMOND'S
19 DAUGHTERS, MARGOT AND KELLY DIAMOND, AS WELL AS HIS ENTIRE
20 FAMILY. THE POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE ENTIRE CITY OF
21 POMONA AS WELL AS THE BROTHER AND SISTERHOOD OF LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT. HE WAS A VERY DEVOTED LAW OFFICER
23 SERVING AND PROTECTING THE CITY OF POMONA. HE LOST HIS LIFE
24 WHILE HELPING PROVIDE MUTUAL AID DURING AN OPERATION IN THE
25 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE'RE CONSTANTLY REMINDED THE DANGEROUS

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1 WORK THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT CARRIES OUT EVERY SINGLE DAY TO KEEP
2 OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES SAFE. IT IS CERTAINLY
3 IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE SENSE OF THIS TRAGIC LOSS. BUT WE WANT TO
4 HONOR OFFICER DAVID'S MEMORY AND THE SACRIFICES HE AND HIS
5 FAMILY HAVE MADE AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILY. THE FUNERAL HAS
6 BEEN HELD TODAY AND I WANT TO THANK THAT THE POMONA POLICE
7 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN GETTING ASSISTANCE FROM OVER 15 LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING OUR
9 OWN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND SO WE SHOULD ALL ADJOURN IN HIS
10 MEMORY AND HIS GREAT SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

11
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

13
14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WITH THAT, I ALSO HAVE A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE
15 TO INTRODUCE FOR NEXT WEEK, AND THAT IS "ON MARCH 11, 2014,
16 THIS BOARD CREATED A COUNTY TOXIC THREAT STRIKE TEAM COMPRISED
17 OF MULTIPLE COUNTY AGENCIES TO ENGAGE AND COLLABORATE WITH
18 STATE AGENCIES AND OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AS NEEDED TO GAIN
19 LEVERAGE TOWARDS A SOLUTION CONCERNING EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES.
20 THEIR CHARGE INCLUDING IDENTIFYING AN ACTION TO ACHIEVE
21 EXIDE'S CLOSURE UNTIL THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES
22 MAKES A FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING EXIDE'S PERMITS. THE
23 U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DETERMINED THAT EXIDE WAS
24 THE WORST LEAD POLLUTER IN CALIFORNIA AND THE THIRD WORST IN
25 THE NATION. THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT

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1 DISTRICT 2012 RISK ASSESSMENT WARNED THAT THE CANCER THREAT
2 DUE TO EXIDE'S TOXIC LEAD, ARSENIC AND BENZINE IS GREATER THAN
3 ANY OTHER FACILITY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. TOXIC LEAD LEVELS
4 ARE FOUND IN SOIL SAMPLES OUTSIDE THE EXIDE FACILITY, MOST
5 DISTURBINGLY IN HOME IN THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD. AND
6 RECENTLY, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT TRUCKS FROM EXIDE HAVE LEAKED
7 TOXIC MATERIAL INTO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN
8 CALIFORNIA, ON COUNTY ROADS AND BEYOND. DESPITE THESE HORRIFIC
9 ACTS, THE D.T.S.C HAS ALLOWED THIS HAZARDOUS FACILITY TO
10 OPERATE FOR 33 YEARS, WITHOUT A REQUIRED PERMIT. D.T.F.C KNOWS
11 THAT UNACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF LEAD, ARSENIC AND BENZENE CAUSED
12 BY EXIDE'S BATTERY RECYCLING OPERATION HAVE CONTAMINATED THE
13 AIR, WATER AND SOIL IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. IT'S CLEAR THAT
14 D.T.F.C. HAS BEEN UNABLE TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO PERMANENTLY
15 SHUTTER EXIDE. THIS COMMUNITY AS WE ALL KNOW DESERVES BETTER
16 PROTECTION OF ITS ENVIRONMENT. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD
17 CONTINUE ITS PURSUIT OF ACTIONS TO SHUTTER EXIDE'S FACILITY
18 AND TO SWIFTLY ABATE THE POLLUTION THAT EXIDE HAS CAUSED. I
19 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE COUNTY
20 COUNSEL TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST EXIDE
21 TECHNOLOGIES, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN CONCERT WITH OTHER
22 JURISDICTIONS OR PUBLIC AGENCIES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
23 IN ONE WEEK WITH THOSE LEGAL OPTIONS TO SHUTTER EXIDE AND
24 ABATE THE TOXIC CONDITIONS SURROUNDING THE FACILITY AND THE
25 AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOODS." THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. FOR NEXT WEEK. OKAY. SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I DO HAVE TWO ADJOURNING
6 MOTIONS AND ONE READ-IN. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN
7 MEMORY OF NINA NOCOX, BORN MAY 29, 1965 PASSED ON OCTOBER 28
8 AT THE AGE OF 49. A RESIDENT OF COMPTON. SHE BECAME A CRITICAL
9 CARE NURSE IN 1999. EARNED HER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
10 NURSING FROM UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX AND WORKED FOR OVER 14
11 YEARS AS A REGISTERED AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE. IN 2006, SHE
12 OPENED THE DOORS TO GRACEFUL SENESCENCE ADULT DAY HEALTHCARE
13 IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES, WHICH PRESENTLY SERVES OVER 130 SENIORS
14 AND DISABLED ADULTS. SHE WAS ALSO AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP BY THE
15 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS FOR THE
16 MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAM AT U.C.L.A.
17 NATURAL LEADER SHE WAS, ELECTED AMONG HER PEERS TO SERVE AS
18 PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ADULT DAY SERVICES.
19 SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER DEDICATION, TO ADVOCACY FOR
20 SENIORS' RIGHTS. SHE ALSO WOULD BE KNOWN FOR HER LOVE OF
21 TRAVEL AND HER ENJOYMENT OF A VIBRANT AND COMPASSION-FILLED
22 LIFE. MRS. NOCOX IS SURVIVED BY HER FATHER, NOBLE, HER
23 DAUGHTER JASMINE, SISTERS ADRIENNE AND ROCHELLE, TWO
24 GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO WILL MISS

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1 HER DEARLY. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, I ASK ALL MEMBERS JOIN ME IN
2 ADJOURNING FOR MR. ARNET HEARTSFIELD.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BORN JUNE 14, 1918 IN BELLINGHAM,
7 WASHINGTON AND PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 31ST AT THE AGE OF 96.
8 HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN
9 1940 AND WORKED UNDER SEGREGATED CONDITIONS. WHEN WORLD WAR II
10 BROKE OUT, MR. HEARTSFIELD SERVED IN U.S. ARMY AS AN INFANTRY
11 LIEUTENANT WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A SEGREGATED UNIT. UPON
12 HIS RETURN FROM SERVING IN THE WAR, HE RETURNED TO THE STILL
13 SEGREGATED FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EARNED A LAW DEGREE FROM THE
14 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE LED THE FIGHT FOR
15 INTEGRATION AND EQUALITY WITHIN THE L.A. CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT.
16 AND AFTER HE AND OTHER BLACK FIREFIGHTERS ENDURED YEARS OF
17 HARASSMENT AND WERE DENIED PROMOTIONS. HE WAS ONE OF THE
18 FOUNDERS OF THE FIREFIGHTERS' ORGANIZATIONS KNOWN TO US AS THE
19 STENTORIANS, WHICH IS A GREEK TERM FOR THOSE WHO SPEAK OUT.
20 MR. HEARTS FIELD PRACTICED LAW, OFTEN REPRESENTING CLIENTS
21 WITHOUT CHARGING THEM, AND WENT ON TO TEACH LAW FOR SOME 26
22 YEARS RETIRING WHEN HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 70 YEARS OLD. MR.
23 HEARTSFIELD WROTE A BOOK ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICAN FIREFIGHTERS
24 IN LOS ANGELES ENTITLED "THE OLD STENTORIANS" AND HELPED TO
25 ESTABLISH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM WHICH

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1 OPENED AS A MUSEUM IN 1977-- 1997, HONORING AFRICAN-AMERICAN
2 FIREFIGHTERS FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE. MR. CHAIRMAN AND THE
3 COLLEAGUES, HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS ONE WHO FOUGHT INJUSTICE
4 AND IS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE GREAT STENTORIANS, U.S. ARMY
5 VETERAN, A FIREFIGHTER, A LAWYER AND AS A HISTORIAN. MR.
6 HEARTSFIELD IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JEAN AND MANY FAMILY AND
7 FRIENDS, MEMBERS OF THE L.A. CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT. STENTORIANS
8 THEMSELVES AND MANY THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY WHO WILL IN FACT
9 ALWAYS REMEMBER HIS VALIANT FIGHT. ARNET HEARTSFIELD, JR., MR.
10 CHAIRMAN.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH YOUR PERMISSION I'D LIKE TO READ IN
15 THE FOLLOWING MOTION WITH THE REQUEST THAT WE HAVE A REPORT
16 BACK IN 60 DAYS PERTAINING TO PROPOSITION 47. I THINK IT'S A
17 MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD NOW THAT ONCE AGAIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 VOTERS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR REFORM IN THE CRIMINAL
19 JUSTICE SYSTEM. PROPOSITION 47 PASSED 59 PERCENT TO 41 PERCENT
20 THROUGHOUT THE STATE, BUT IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT WAS 63 PERCENT
21 TO SOME 37 PERCENT. OUR SENTIMENTS HAVE BEEN STRONGLY
22 COMMUNICATED IN TERMS OF THIS MEASURE. THE THRUST OF THIS
23 MOTION IS TO DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, IN
24 CONSULTATION WITH THE SHERIFF, THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF L.A.
25 COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER,

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1 THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO IDENTIFY POLICY IMPLICATIONS
2 FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS MEASURE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
3 SECONDLY, WE WANT TO DIRECT JAIL CONSTRUCTION PLANNERS TO
4 ESTIMATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROP 47 ON THE SIZE OF THE
5 COUNTY JAIL POPULATION ON THE NEED FOR BEDS AND THE POLICY
6 ASSUMPTIONS USED TO MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION. THIRDLY, WE
7 WISH TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF PROBATION, MENTAL HEALTH, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO BEGIN IDENTIFYING THOSE EXISTING
10 EVIDENCE-BASED TRUANCY PREVENTION MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG ABUSE
11 TREATMENT PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO KEEP OFFENDERS AND POTENTIAL
12 OFFENDERS OUT OF PRISON AND JAIL THAT WOULD BE THE MOST
13 COMPETITIVE FOR ANY NEW GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE. FINALLY,
14 TO REQUEST THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IDENTIFY VICTIMS SERVICE
15 PROGRAMS THAT WOULD MERIT ADDITIONAL STATE GRANT FUNDING.
16 AGAIN, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE THIS
17 BY WAY OF A REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC
20 COMMENT? DINA NOVAK. RANDA REED. ISRAEL JUDAH. AND ARNOLD
21 SACHS WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE BOARD.
24 I LIVE IN A BUILDING THAT IS MANAGED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
25 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MY APARTMENT HAS MOLD. I'M HERE

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1 TODAY TO ENLIST YOUR HELP IN GETTING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO
2 REMEDIATE MY APARTMENT FROM DANGEROUS MOLD WITH THE CLEARANCE
3 REPORT BY CERTIFIED REMEDIATION COMPANY. JUST TO GIVE AN IDEA.
4 IN TWO MONTHS I LIVED IN TWO CONSECUTIVE APARTMENTS IN MARINA
5 MANOR WITH HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF DANGEROUS MOLD ONE DUE TO A
6 PIPE BURST. REPAIRS TOOK 16 DAYS, VERSUS WHAT H.U.D. SAYS THAT
7 IT SHOULD TAKE WITHIN 24 HOURS TO 48 HOURS TO PREVENT MOLD.
8 THE FIRST TESTS SHOWED DANGEROUS MOLD JUST TO GIVE AN IDEA,
9 ASPERGILLUMS PENICILLIUM WAS AT 510 LEVEL OUTSIDE AND 268,000
10 INSIDE THE KITCHEN CABINET. THAT'S 525 TIMES MORE THAN THE
11 NORM. IN MOLD TEST NO. 2, IT WAS AT 200 OUTSIDE VERSUS 31,800.
12 SO THAT'S 188 TIMES MORE. TODAY IS DAY 40 THAT I'M STAYING IN
13 THE MOTEL MAXING OUT MY CREDIT CARDS PAYING RENT FOR MY
14 APARTMENT WHICH I CANNOT LIVE IN. I AM DISPLACED. THE HOUSING
15 AUTHORITY IS TELLING ME YOU'RE NOT DISPLACED. E.P.A. BROCHURE
16 ON MOLD, ON THE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OF LOS
17 ANGELES STATES RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE AREA
18 UPON REMEDIATION WITHOUT ANY HEALTH COMPLAINTS OR PHYSICAL
19 SYMPTOMS. I HAVE PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS. I CANNOT BREATHE STUCK IN
20 THE APARTMENT. I AM DISPLACED AND BREATHING IS NOT OPTIONAL. I
21 URGE YOU TO LOOK INTO THIS SITUATION. THIS BUILDING IS FOR
22 SENIORS. IT'S FOR DISABLED PEOPLE. MOLD IS TOXIC. THANK YOU.
23

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE SOMEONE FROM THE HOUSING
2 AUTHORITY IN THE BACK THERE THAT CAN VISIT WITH HER? IF NOT I
3 BELIEVE MARINA MANOR IS IN YOUR DISTRICTS, ZEV.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MS. NOVAK HAS BEEN TALKING TO MY OFFICE. WE
6 NEED TO GET C.D.C. INVOLVED AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. IF WE CAN
7 JUST-- IF SOMEBODY COULD FIND OUT IF THERE'S SOMEBODY HERE
8 FROM THE C.D.C. IN THE BACK, WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY TALK TO YOU.

9

10 **NINA NOVAK:** I'VE NEVER BEEN TO YOUR OFFICE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T SAY YOU WERE. YOU NEVER CALLED MY
13 OFFICE? HAVE YOU CALLED? YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I SAID. YOU HAD
14 CALLED.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NEXT? WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO
17 AHEAD.

18

19 **RANDA REED:** YES. MY NAME IS RANDA REED AND I'VE BEEN HERE
20 BEFORE. AS AN INDEPENDENT VOTER, I WITNESSED A MEASURE THAT
21 WAS SENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY YESTERDAY. MY HOPE IS YOU ARE
22 DEMOCRATIC SUPERVISORS WHO ALSO SIT ON M.T.A.'S BOARD AS
23 DIRECTORS WILL HEED THE WARNING. THE M.T.A. HAS COMMITTED A
24 LOT OF CRIMINAL ACTS ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGAINST ME AND
25 THE PUBLIC BY MISMANAGING PUBLIC FUNDS. THERE IS NO-- UNDER

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1 DIVISION OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN
2 IMPERIAL, IMPARTIAL MEDICAL EXAMINER. THAT WAS REPEALED IN
3 2001, 2003. BUT M.T.A.'S ATTORNEYS CONTINUE TO SEND ME
4 DOCUMENTS THAT SAYS YOU ARE TO GO TO I.M.E. IT DOESN'T EXIST.
5 THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE MAKES LABOR CODES. M. T.A. HAS
6 CONTINUED TO STATE A FRAUDULENT LABEL CODE 4062 POINT 2 I.
7 WHICH I KNOW I'VE SAID THIS OVER AND OVER WHICH YOU GUYS AS
8 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO ARE ALSO DIRECTORS OF M.T.A.,
9 HAVE CRIMINALLY ALLOWED THESE CRIMINAL ACTS BY M.T.A. TO
10 PROCEED AGAINST ME AND THE PEOPLE OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11 BECAUSE M.T.A. IS PAYING THOSE ATTORNEYS FOR OVER SEVEN YEARS
12 OF STATE FOR FRAUDULENT LABOR CODES, FRAUDULENT CALIFORNIA
13 CODE OF REGULATIONS BECAUSE THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS WHICH
14 MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS ONCE A MEMBER OF KNOWS THAT M.T.A.
15 AND A JUDGE DOES NOT MAKE UP LABOR CODES. THE CALIFORNIA
16 LEGISLATURE DO. AND I AM TIRED OF THE CRIMINAL ACTS THAT HAVE
17 BEEN PERPETRATED AGAINST ME WHILE YOU PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED
18 TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CONTINUE TO
19 LET M.T.A. COMMIT CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST ME AND THE PEOPLE OF
20 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I WILL SEE YOU ON THE 13TH AT THE NEXT
21 BOARD MEETING. AND HOPEFULLY THAT YOU GUYS WOULD TAKE NOTICE
22 OF THE CRIMINAL ACTS THAT'S BEING PERPETRATED AGAINST ME AND
23 THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SEE YOU ON THE 13TH.

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2 **RANDA REED:** SEE YOU ON THE 13TH? OKAY. HOPEFULLY ONE DAY--
3 CRIMINAL ACTS YOU WILL BE ARRESTED.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MIKE GOMEZ.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** MAY I HAVE MY THREE MINUTES PLEASE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE TWO. WE'LL START YOU AGAIN.
10 START HIS TIME AT 2.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE ADJUDICATIVE CONCLUSIVE SELF-AUTHENTICATING
13 EVIDENCE THAT LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH THE
14 LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, I GOT EVIDENCE THAT WOULD
15 CLEARLY PROVE THAT THEY FABRICATED, COMPLETELY FABRICATED AND
16 FALSIFIED CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST ME. I'M GOING TO NAME THE
17 NAMES HERE, SUPERVISOR DETECTIVE THOMPkins, LOCATED 100 WEST
18 FIRST STREET AND THOMPkins, THAT'S SUPERVISOR DETECTIVE
19 THOMPkins. DETECTIVE BUN. AND DISTRICT CITY ATTORNEY, DEPUTY
20 CITY ATTORNEY GREGORY ALLEN DORFFMAN. THOSE THREE ARE THE
21 MASTERMINDS. AND DISTRICT DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY MALECA COLE,
22 DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY ALLEN SIMSIMSI HAGEN, AND DETECTIVE BROWN
23 IS INVOLVED. MAY I HAVE SOME ATTENTION, PLEASE? DETECTIVE
24 ROSS. AND DETECTIVE HERNANDEZ. I HAVE ADJUDICATIVE,
25 CONCLUSIVE, SELF-AUTHENTICATING MATERIAL FACTS. I GOT EVIDENCE

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1 AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW SOMEONE. I NEED SOME HELP HERE. THE
2 CHIEF KNOWS ABOUT IT. CHIEF BECK, HE KNOWS THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
3 THE EVENTS, THE FACTS AND THE EVIDENCE AND HE'S REFUSING TO DO
4 ANYTHING ABOUT IT. WON'T HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. CRIMINAL ACTS
5 WERE COMMITTED AGAINST ME. AND I CAN PROVE IT RIGHT HERE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE TO GO TO L.A. CITY HALL FOR
8 THAT.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** WHAT? CITY HALL?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** L.A. CITY. IT'S L.A.P.D. IT'S NOT THE
13 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. YOU'RE AT THE WRONG PLACE.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WHAT ABOUT OVER HERE AT THE CITY ATTORNEY'S.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S COUNTY COUNSEL. CITY ATTORNEY IS
18 DOWN THERE WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. SORRY. NEXT? WHOEVER SPEAKS,
19 GO AHEAD. MIKE GOMEZ IN THE AUDIENCE? JOSE MARTINEZ? GO AHEAD.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. WHEN YOU STARTED THE MEETING
22 THERE WERE QUITE A FEW ITEMS ON THE AGENDA I DIDN'T GET TO
23 SPEAK ABOUT. SO LET'S SEE. ITEM 3-P WAS ABOUT PLAZA FUNDING
24 FOR THE ART, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. BUT I BELIEVE ON THE OCTOBER
25 2014, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE COMPLAINING ABOUT METRO, IMAGINE

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1 THAT. THE METRO BOARD MEETING IN OCTOBER 2014, THEY ACCEPTED
2 FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY THAT YOU JUST HAD ON YOUR AGENDA ITEM
3 TODAY REGARDING THE PLAZA. SO I'M WONDERING WHY THE BOARD, THE
4 METRO BOARD WOULD ACCEPT FUNDING, IT'S KIND OF LIKE, YOU KNOW,
5 YOU SIT ON THE BOARD AND YOU ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR METRO AND
6 THEN YOU COME OVER HERE AND YOU ALLOCATE THE FUNDING TO THE
7 FUNDING FOR METRO. THERE'S A CONFLICT THERE. ITEM C.S.-5
8 REFERS TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY THAT YOU WANT TO PURCHASE. SO
9 I'M WONDERING, BASED ON PROP 13, DOES THE COUNTY GET ASSESSED
10 FOR THAT NEW PROPERTY? BECAUSE THE OWNERS THAT ARE SELLING IT,
11 THEY'RE NOT THE ORIGINAL OWNERS. AND SINCE THERE IS NO 50
12 PERCENT OWNERSHIP OR 51 PERCENT OWNERSHIP OF THAT GROUP, THEY
13 WOULD BE PAYING AN OLD ASSESSMENT VALUE. BUT NOW THAT THE
14 COUNTY IS BUYING IT, DO THEY GET ASSESSED ON A NEW STANDARD?
15 THE HIGHEST ASSESSMENT POSSIBLE? I HELD ITEM NO. 4 ABOUT THE
16 URBAN FARMING, OR I DIDN'T, BUT SOMEBODY MENTIONED URBAN
17 FARMING. AND HOW WONDERFUL YOU'RE DOING IT. I WAS THINKING
18 THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE B.O.S. MANURE. THAT REALLY WOULD HELP
19 FARMING. I MADE A COMMENT ABOUT THE FEDERAL-LED-- SUPERVISOR
20 MOLINA'S PRESENTATION ABOUT THE MARINE WHO COULDN'T GET HIS
21 MEDALS AND YET YOU MADE A PRESENTATION TO SOMEBODY WHO'S BEEN
22 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE FOR 16 YEARS. 16 YEARS AND
23 HE CAN'T FIND THE MEDALS AND BROWN ACT VIOLATIONS. REMEMBER
24 THAT SEINFELD EPISODE ABOUT INDIFFERENCE? THEY ALL GOT
25 ARRESTED.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? JABRIEL MUHAMMAD. JOSH
3 LIDDY. HERMAN HERMAN.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
6 DISTRICT 3. IN ADVANCE OF YOUR CLOSED SESSION, I JUST WANTED
7 TO DIRECT ONE QUESTION TO THE CHAIR BUT IT'S REALLY FOR I
8 THINK THE C.E.O. YOUR MEETING ON C.S.-5 ON THE REAL ESTATE
9 ITEM, WE GOT THE SUPER DUPER DEAL COMING UP FOR THE SECOND
10 DISTRICT. IT'S 1977 SATURN L.L.C. BUT IS THERE A NAME
11 ASSOCIATED WITH THAT ONE? OR ARE THERE INDIVIDUALS? IS THAT
12 SOMETHING THAT WE COULD GET OFF TO THE SIDE? I THINK IT WOULD
13 BE GOOD FOR THE PUBLIC JUST TO HEAR OUT LOUD, NUMBER 1. NUMBER
14 2, ITEM, THERE ARE A COUPLE ITEMS ON THIS ALSO. ITEM 36 WHICH
15 I BELIEVE HAS BEEN CONTINUED. I JUST WOULD CLOSELY AT THAT
16 ITEM. THIS IS THE CAMP KILPATRICK PROBATION CAMP WHICH IS AN
17 IMPORTANT ONE BECAUSE THE BUDGET SOARED UP TO 52 MILLION AS
18 YOU RECALL OVER THE LAST COUPLE YEARS. YET IT'S A PROBATION
19 CAMP WITH 100 PLUS BEDS SO THERE'S SOME REAL QUESTIONS THERE.
20 WE BROUGHT IN A FIRM NAMED VERNARD BROTHERS ON A DESIGN BUILD
21 PROGRAM HERE WHO HAVE BID I THINK 34 MILLION FOR THE JOB. SO
22 THE HIGHEST BIDDER AFTER THEM OR THE NEXT BIDDER WAS SORT OF
23 6-1/2 MILLION HIGHER. SO THEY'RE GIVING US A SUPER DUPER DEAL.
24 I'M JUST WONDERING WHAT'S THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN 34 AND 52? I
25 KNOW THE ANSWER IS, A LOT OF THAT IS COUNTY MONEY GOING INTO

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1 ADMINISTRATIVE AND VARIOUS BUT THAT SEEMS AWFULLY HIGH AND I
2 WOULD CHECK THAT. AND IN CONCLUSION, I GUESS, WELL THERE'S
3 ALSO \$44 MILLION PARKING GARAGE FOR ITEM 43 WHICH I THINK MARK
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS PRESIDING OVER. I MAY HAVE THAT WRONG. THAT'S
5 A LOT FOR PARKING, AND WE SHOULD LOOK AT THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
6 PARKING SUBSIDIES, BECAUSE I ACTUALLY BELIEVE, AND MR.
7 SALADINO YOU COULD LOOK INTO THAT, I BELIEVE THAT IS A BROWN
8 ACT VIOLATION TO BE CHARGING PEOPLE TO PARK AT A BOARD
9 MEETING. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I DO CARE ABOUT THE BROWN
10 ACT. AND I DO CARE ABOUT OPEN GOVERNMENT. AND I DON'T THINK
11 THAT I SHOULD BE RIDICULED FOR THAT. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS
12 BOARD SHOULD DO THAT AT ALL. I THINK THIS BOARD SHOULD ANSWER
13 THE QUESTION I RAISED LAST PUBLIC COMMENT WHICH IS ARE YOU IN
14 AGREEMENT WITH THE FINDING OF THE D.A.? ARE YOU GOING TO
15 ANSWER IT?

16

17 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD, WITH BISMILLAH, THE
18 JUSTICE MOVEMENT. FIRST IN OBJECTION TO THE EARLY ADJOURNMENT
19 ON THE PART OF THE BOARD, BEING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DULY NOTED.

22

23 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** BUT WE WANT TO DEAL WITH TWO SITUATIONS
24 HERE. WE ARE DEALING WITH THE DECADENT BILLBOARD AT 3867
25 CRENSHAW. IT'S A SUPERVISORIAL JURISDICTION. WE'RE ASKING THAT

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1 THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE SUPERVISORIAL AUTHORITY IN THAT AREA
2 TO PUT IT UPON THE REST OF THE LEADERSHIP IN THAT AREA TO
3 REMOVE THAT DECADENT BILLBOARD. SAY NO NAMES, BEAR NO BLAMES.
4 ONE MORE ITEM AND THAT'S THE HIRING STANDARDS OF M.T.A. THIS
5 CAME TO MIND THAT THIS STANDARD IS IN VIOLATION OF DUE
6 PROCESS. WHY DO YOU SAY THAT, MUHAMMAD? WE'VE DONE RESEARCH
7 AND WE FOUND THAT THE 20 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE, THE AFRICAN-
8 AMERICANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE EMPLOYED. THEY'RE BEING
9 UNDERMINED BY HAVING TO TEST. AND IN THEIR TESTING, THEY FOUND
10 THAT WHEN THEY TEST POSITIVE FOR MARIJUANA, THEY'RE NO LONGER
11 QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB BECAUSE THEY'RE A HAZARD, THEY ARE
12 CONSIDERED A HAZARD AT THE WORKPLACE. OKAY. SO NOW THEY MADE
13 US TAKE THE ANALYSIS OF TESTING. SO WE'RE SAYING WELL IS THE
14 M.T.A. TESTING FOR ALCOHOL? BECAUSE YOU TALK ABOUT BEING A
15 HAZARD AT THE WORKPLACE. AND WE KNOW HOW MUCH OF A HAZARD THAT
16 PARTICULAR CONCOCTION IS. SO IF IN FACT THEY'RE NOT TESTING
17 FOR ALCOHOL, THEN THERE IS A SLANT HERE IN THE POLICIES THAT
18 THEY'RE USING AS FAR AS HIRING IS CONCERNED. AND THIS IS WHAT
19 YOU WANT TO CONTEST, THAT SLANT IN THE USE BECAUSE THEY ARE
20 NOT TESTING FOR ALCOHOL AND THEY'RE <INAUDIBLE> BECAUSE YOU
21 KNOW THESE MARIJUANA SHOPS, THE CONCERNS ARE POPPING UP IN OUR
22 COMMUNITY LIKE 40 GOING NORTH IS MAKING IT VERY ATTRACTIVE TO
23 OUR YOUTH AND ONLY TO FIND WHEN THEY APPLY FOR A JOB--

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? NEXT? NEXT? GO AHEAD.

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2 **JOSH LIDDY:** MY NAME IS JOSH LIDDY. I WAS HERE AT THE END OF
3 THE SEPTEMBER AND SPOKE ABOUT THE SHELTER SYSTEM, SPOKE ABOUT
4 MY INTEREST IN RUNNING THE CARSON SHELTER. THAT POSITION IS
5 STILL OPEN, BY THE WAY. I WAS MADE AWARE THAT MRS. MAEDA SENT
6 A LETTER OUT IN RESPONSE TO ME SPEAKING TWO WEEKS LATER TO YOU
7 GUYS. WELL, IT RESPONDED TO NOTHING THAT I ACTUALLY SAID. I'M
8 WELL AWARE THAT I DON'T HAVE THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE THAT THEY
9 DEMAND. I WASN'T CONTESTING THAT. MY ISSUE IS THAT THE SHELTER
10 SYSTEM IS BASICALLY COMPLETELY BROKEN ESPECIALLY IN L.A.
11 COUNTY. MY ISSUE IS THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS OF NEEDING TO
12 HAVE SUCH EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE JOB IS
13 RIDICULOUS. THAT'S A COMPLETE RACKET. NO ONE WILL EVER BE ABLE
14 TO CHANGE ANYTHING THAT'S BEING DONE WITH AN IRON CURTAIN
15 AROUND THE HIRING PROCESS. THEY JUST BASICALLY RECYCLE MASS
16 DOG KILLERS THERE. I CAN'T EVEN VOLUNTEER THERE. IT'S
17 RETALIATION CENTRAL. I REALIZE THAT YOU GUYS HAVE A LOT OF
18 ISSUES ON YOUR PLATE. THE SHELTER STUFF IS PROBABLY OUT OF
19 SIGHT, OUT OF MIND. MAYEDA WILL TELL YOU SOMETHING. OR PAINT A
20 CERTAIN PICTURE AND YOU TAKE IT AT FACE VALUE. WELL I'M HERE
21 TO TELL YOU THAT MARSHA MAYEDA IS A HUGE PART, A HUGE PROBLEM
22 WITH WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE L.A. COUNTY SHELTER SYSTEM. I
23 PERSONALLY TAKE 1/3 OF THE SALARY OF THE OUTGOING MANAGER AT
24 THE CARSON SHELTER THAT'S NO LONGER THERE, AND I'D PUT THE
25 REST OF IT, THE OTHER TWO-THIRDS INTO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND

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1 EXPANDING LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER AND A BUNCH OF OTHER STUFF.
2 SO I'M BASICALLY JUST ASKING HOW DO I GET AN INTERVIEW FOR
3 THIS POSITION? BECAUSE I'VE BEEN COMPLETELY IGNORED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT. I DON'T EXPECT TO GET ANY RESPONSE FROM THEM SO
5 THAT'S WHY I'M COMING HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DEBORAH POLE AND DAVID
8 SERRANO.

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10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO IN REGARDS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IMPORTANCE,
11 WHAT I'M SPEAKING ABOUT IS THE VIOLATIONS OF THE BROWN ACT.
12 54950 TO 54963. CONTINUES TO BE AN ISSUE OF DISCRIMINATION
13 TOWARDS THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC IMPORTANCE UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC
14 IMPORTANCE. AND THE ISSUE HAS TO DO WITH A.D.A., WHICH
15 PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF A DISABILITY AND A
16 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, SUCH
17 PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH THE VERY BASIC OF
18 NONDISCRIMINATION. SUCH REQUIREMENTS SHOULD NOT VIOLATE THE
19 BROWN ACT OR THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO SPEECH AT ANY PUBLIC
20 MEETING. TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, MR. GALPIN, THE CONTROLLER FROM
21 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WITH A HIGH PITCHED VOICE ALMOST
22 SOUND LIKE MICKEY MOUSE WHEN HE SPEAKS? DOES THAT IRRITATE
23 MOST OF YOU OR SOME OF YOU? THERE'S A CHANCE IT DOES. BUT NO
24 ONE SHOULD BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE BASIS OF HOW HIGH
25 PITCHED OR HIGH SENSORED THEIR VOICE SHOULD BE. SUCH

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1 REQUIREMENTS OF THE A.D.A. PROHIBIT EXCLUSION, SEGREGATION AND
2 UNEQUAL TREATMENT WHERE ON THE ACT OF DISCRIMINATION RAISES
3 THE ISSUE OF GENERAL PUBLIC IMPORTANCE. I IN PARTICULAR AM A
4 PERSON WHO HAS EXPERIENCED THE HOSTILE APPROACH OF LOCAL
5 GOVERNMENT WHO SAY THAT I SPEAK TOO HIGH PITCHED, I RAISE MY
6 VOICE, BUT THE INTENT OF MY USE OF LANGUAGE IS TO AROUSE THE
7 GIANT, YOU THE BEAST, THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
8 AND FIND NOTHING OFFENSIVE OR DISRUPTIVE WHEN I AGITATE THE
9 SITUATION TO GET YOUR ATTENTION, SUCH AS I HAVE WITH MR. DON
10 KNABE. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ELECTING TIM MCCONNELL [SIC]
11 OUR NEW SHERIFF. CONGRATULATIONS.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL BE SURE TO PASS THAT ON TO TIM.

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15 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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19 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY
20 SPIRIT. THE HOLY TRINITY IS THE ONE AND ONLY GOD, AMEN. THE
21 HOLY TRINITY IS THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE, PRAISE
22 THE LORD. REALITY IS: THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST CREATED HEAVEN
23 AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN. ETERNAL JESUS WAS CONCEIVED BY THE
24 POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD AND CHRIST WAS BORN OF THE
25 SANCTIFIED VIRGIN MARY. JESUS NEVER SINNED. JESUS CHRIST SPOKE

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1 THE WORD OF GOD AND HE FORGAVE PEOPLE'S SINS. CHRIST CURED THE
2 CRIPPLES. HE GAVE SIGHT TO THE BLIND. JESUS CHRIST WALKED ON
3 THE DEEP WATER OF THE SEA OF GALILEE. AND HE COMMANDED THE
4 NATURAL WORLD. THE SON OF GOD REALLY RAISED DEAD PEOPLE TO
5 LIFE. INNOCENT JESUS WILLINGLY SHED HIS SACRED, DIVINE BLOOD
6 AND HE DIED FOR OUR SINS ON THE CROSS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE. HE
7 WAS ENTOMBED. AND THEN ON THE THIRD DAY, JESUS CHRIST
8 RESURRECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB, HALLELUJAH. JESUS CHRIST
9 APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS DISCIPLES OVER THE COURSE OF 40
10 DAYS. JESUS CHRIST ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AMEN. PRAISE THE
11 LORD. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF INFINITE
12 GOD ALMIGHTY IN THE UNITY OF THE INFINITELY OMNIPRESENT HOLY
13 SPRIT IN THE KINGDOM OF THE MOST HIGH, AMEN, PRAISE GOD. WE
14 RECEIVE LIFE EVERLASTING WITH GOD BY THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH
15 FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS
16 ASCEND INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AMEN. CHRISTIANS HAVE LIFE
17 EVERLASTING WITH GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AMEN, PRAISE THE
18 LORD. UNBELIEVERS DIE AND RECEIVE THE PENALTY FOR THEIR OWN
19 SINS. UNBELIEVERS DIE AND BURN IN FIERY SHEOL HADES. REPENT,
20 THEREFORE, AND BELIEVE REALITY: JESUS CHRIST IS GOD AND THEN
21 YOU WILL HAVE LIFE EVERLASTING WITH GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
22 AND HAVE A NICE DAY.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU, TOO. ALL RIGHT. READ US INTO CLOSED
25 SESSION, PLEASE.

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2 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
4 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1,
5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
6 ITEM NO. C.S.-2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF
7 CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH; ITEM
8 NO. C.S.-3, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR
9 THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD
10 PROTECTION, ITEM NO. C.S.-4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
11 WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AND ITEM C.S.-5,
12 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AS INDICATED
13 ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. PLEASE ALSO BE ADVISED
14 THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS
15 SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION OCTOBER 5, 2014**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section

7 54956.9) Jason May v. County of Los Angeles, Superior Court

8 Case No. BC 539170

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10 This is an employment discrimination matter involving the

11 Department of Children and Family Services. (14-4920)

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13 The Board authorized settlement of the matter entitled Jason

14 May v. County of Los Angeles. The details of the settlement

15 will be made available once finalized by all parties.

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17 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being

18 present.

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20 There was no reportable action taken on items CS-2, CS-3, CS-4

21 or CS-5.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors November 5, 2014,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 17th day of November 2014, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
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